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Whitman Urges Charter Graduates To Pursue Dreams

Peter Yianilos, president of the Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees, introduced the keynote speaker at the school's first eighth-grade graduation ceremony on June 16, with these words: "Long after we've forgotten your other important work, children and parents will remember that you were the state's chief supporter of public education *and* of charter schools."

Then New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman stepped up to the microphone. "This is a very special day for this school — your first graduation ceremony, and a very special day for these graduates — your last time here as students," she said. "Today we celebrate dreams come true — the dream that created this school and the dreams of all those who are graduating today — that this day would really come."

The governor added, "This day is the manifestation of the dreams of a lot of people. Now you will have a chance to realize your own dreams. I trust each of you has dreams of going to college, followed by graduate school or the job market; and I trust you will have the tools because of the Charter School." She praised Charter School students' achievements in math and reading, as well as the school's cross-country, track, and basketball teams.

Twenty students proceeded to the podium to receive their diplomas

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GUBERNATORIAL GREETING: Governor Christine Whitman greets students of the Princeton Charter School before graduation ceremonies on June 16. (Photo by Charles Phox)

Library and School Boards Explore Relocation Of Library to Valley Road During Construction

The Princeton Public Library may temporarily re-locate its operations to the Valley Road Building, a former school at 369 Witherspoon Street that is owned by the Princeton Regional district.

Municipal offices now occupy the Valley Road site, along with the school district's administrative offices, and the Corner House social services agency.

Once construction has been completed on a new Township municipal building, the municipality will vacate its offices, and the space could be available for the library. Corner House will stay.

According to Frank Strasburger, chair of the school board's facilities committee, the library's preferred temporary location during construction of a new library would be the Valley Road site.

Mr. Strasburger reported to the board of education at its meeting of June 20, that committee members have met twice with representatives of the library board to explore options.

The library is committed to staying at its present site for the long term, according to Library Director Leslie Burger. It is, however, very much interested in the possibility of moving into Valley Road while a new library is being built.

The Hillier Group, the architectural firm designing the new library, has engaged mechanical and structural engineers to determine whether the Valley Road structure could bear the weight of the library's collection.

Ms. Burger said results of the Valley Road study will be discussed at the library board of trustees meeting on June 27.

"Right now, though, I can tell you, it looks as though the building can support a sufficient quantity of the library's collections, so it would not be a problem," she said.

"I assume — although I don't know — that the school board

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Borough Voters May Be Asked If They Want Open Space Tax

Borough Council was expected at its Tuesday night, June 20 meeting to begin the process of placing an open space referendum on the November 7 ballot. It was expected to introduce an ordinance to this effect, with a public hearing scheduled for July 11.

The ballot question would ask Borough voters whether they want to approve a dedicated annual tax of 2 cents per $100 of assessed valuation, money that will be used to acquire, develop and maintain open space for recreation or conservation purposes; historic preservation; and related debt service.

The Princeton Environmental Commission and Friends of Princeton Open Space have encouraged Council to move toward such a tax, citing the opportunity to leverage state and county money for land acquisition, development, and historic preservation.

Mayor Marvin Reed said that having an open space tax would qualify the Borough for county and state

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Library Relocation

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would reach a preferential agreement with us in terms of rent," she continued.

Mr. Strasburger noted, "It might well be that the library could come in under the Township lease."

A move to Valley Road would allow the library to continue its activities with minimal disruption. "The school board needs to say whether it will give us a lease," Ms. Burger pointed out.

The Township expects to vacate its offices sometime between December and April 2001; the target date is January 2001, Township Administrator James Pascale said.

Provided there are "no snafus," Ms. Burger declared, ground could be broken for a new library by next spring.

The timing seems to be right; current parking, however, is inadequate. "If the library were to come here, we would definitely have to do something about parking," Mr. Pascale declared.

No Room in Parking Lot

He noted Township employees now park in the Community Pool parking lot — but even the Township's 30-plus spaces cannot be utilized in summer, after the swimming pool opens.

The Princeton Regional District also uses 16 spaces in the parking lot, noted Jack Roberts, recreation department director; and 12 are reserved for visitors.

It seems that with a total of 157 spaces, there would still be plenty of room in the pool lot, but during the summer that is not the case, Mr. Roberts said.

One solution to the parking dilemma would be to move the Princeton Regional bus parking area to "a more peripheral site," Mr. Strasburger reported to the board.

School buses now park in a large space behind the Valley Road facility; and the building also houses the school district's maintenance workshops, which could be moved, as well.

Library Trustees Meeting

The Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees has scheduled a meeting for 5 p.m., on Tuesday, June 27.

Items on the agenda will include a presentation by the Hillier Group of floor plans for library expansion, along with elevations; the results of the Valley Road study; and recommendations from the library's parking consultant concerning the provision of 85 parking spaces for library patrons at the current downtown site.

The school board has asked Township officials to help the district identify other locations for both maintenance and school bus parking. If library patrons could park in the space now used by school buses, the parking situation would be eased considerably, officials say.

Not only are Township personnel interested, but, according to Mr. Pascale, the possibility of a joint facility for school buses and Public Works equipment is appealing.

The Township needs a place to store snow plows and other equipment off season, he explained, and has suggested the possibility of using the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority property on River Road — owned jointly by the Township and the Borough.

"Discussions are very preliminary," according to Township Public Works Director Bob Kiser, "and we are just evaluating the idea now."

Ms. Burger pointed out that if the school district can relocate its school buses, the library might be able to negotiate some additional reserved on-street or lot parking on a short-term basis.

"We need the school board's blessing to vacate as much of the parking as is now in use behind the Valley Road building," Mr. Pascale said. "Re-location inconveniences everyone; but it may be the price of progress — and of getting a new library downtown."

—Anne Rivera

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A SOLEMN MOMENT: Spirit of Princeton member Ray Wadsworth participates in a flag-burning ceremony at Borough Hall on Flag Day, June 14. Nearly 300 no-longer-usable flags were burned during the ceremony, and their ashes were buried. This is the second year Spirit of Princeton has held Flag Day ceremonies.
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Amount University Gives Borough Is Discussed at Council Meeting

Borough resident Alan K. Hegedus came to Council last Tuesday night with a slide presentation he had developed to show the sad plight of Borough finances. He left the meeting agreeing to pull together a grass-roots leadership group that would talk with Princeton University about increasing its contributions to the Borough.

Mr. Hegedus' position, which was not challenged, was that "the Borough's tax base is still stagnant, expenditures are still increasing, capital needs are still escalating; new local taxes are anticipated; and there are no new revenue sources in view."

He ended his presentation with a suggestion that Princeton University increase its Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) to the Borough. According to Mr. Hegedus, Harvard will pay $2 million a year over the next 20 years to Boston and Cambridge. He also said Yale paid $19 million to the state of Connecticut in 1999.

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Princeton University contributed $100,000 to the Borough in 1999 in unrestricted donations, according to Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi. This amount increases each year by the amount of the tax rate increase.

It also gave the Borough $700 toward the Board of Health; $7,659 toward street lighting, $5,000 toward fire equipment, and $51,900 as a contribution for McCarter Theatre.

Early this month, the University announced it would contribute $300,000 toward the renovation of Monument Drive, in front of Borough Hall.

The only other tax-exempt entity that annually contributes a PILOT to the Borough is Princeton Theological Seminary, which last year gave $66,000.

Better Than Meters

Mr. Hegedus said an increase in the PILOT from the University would solve the Borough's financial problems in a way that would be fairer than increasing meter rates.

"They have just concluded another successful one billion dollar fund drive," said Mr. Hegedus, who ran on the Republican ticket for a seat on Council last November. "At this point I, my daughters, and my granddaughters are subsidizing Princeton University."

A committee of Council, Town and Gown (TAG) has been meeting regularly with Princeton University on the PILOT and other issues. "We keep chipping away, and we have made some progress," said Mayor Marvin Reed, "but there has not been much progress on high increases in contributions toward operating costs."

Councilman Roger Martindell pointed out that Harvard and Yale are much larger than Princeton, and that it is difficult to compare situations. "I agree we need more support from nonprofits," he said. "Under current state law we are beggars. The one thing we could do that we

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Princeton Community Invited To Firefighters' Parade Friday

The Princeton Fire Department's annual parade and inspection will take place Friday, June 23. It will begin at 7 p.m. at the corner of Chestnut and Nassau streets and proceed west on Nassau Street on Monument Drive in front of Borough Hall.

At Borough Hall, officials of Princeton Borough and Princeton Township will inspect Fire Department vehicles and honor the volunteers of Princeton's three fire companies and its First Aid & Rescue Squad.

Bands scheduled to participate in the parade include the Ocean County String Band, the Westfield Fife and Drum Band, and the Colonial Musketeer Band. The three fire companies that make up the Princeton Fire Department will march, as will members of the Ladies Auxiliary of each company, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, and the Borough and Township Police Departments. They will be marching along with the Fire Department's vehicles.

This will be the Princeton Fire Department's 116th annual inspection. The fire Department itself was started in 1788, making it one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country.

The Princeton Fire Department is currently seeking more volunteers. Interested persons should call 203-5990.

Borough Council

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chose not to do was to consolidate."

In 1996, Borough voters rejected consolidation with Princeton Township.

Mr. Hegedus, calling consolidation "a red herring that won't solve the problem," said the minority report of the Consolidation Commission stated there would not be a lot of cost savings by merging the Borough and Township.

The Commission's report recommending consolidation had stated that, if the Borough continues on its own, "Its tiny, built-out land base will in time confront its residents with the choice of three unwelcome alternatives — drastically reducing services, drastically increasing taxes, or accepting a scale of development that will destroy the very character of the historic Borough."

The Consolidation Commission's minority report responded by stating that, in order to be acceptable, new rateables are likely to be housing of an acceptably low density. The dissenters wrote, "The rateables argument is fatally flawed, however, in that much experience has shown that such rateables bring in more expense than revenue, and that they tend to increase tax rates."

"We get significant voluntary contributions from nonprofits now," said Mr. Martindell at the Tuesday night, June 13 meeting. "If we push too hard, we could lose that. We need consensus building in the community."

Councilwoman Wendy Benchley joined the debate, saying, "In other communities, business and community leaders band together and put the pressure of the community on nonprofits."

Mr. Hegedus agreed, stating that a joint strategy by community leaders and Council was required. "If administrators at Princeton University felt they were being subsidized, they would deal with it," he said.

"I can think of 20 people I have talked to, leaders in the community, who would want to form a responsible grassroots leadership group to talk to the University in conjunction with Borough Council," Ms. Benchley continued.

"There has been a regular effort on our part, and we can expand that," Mayor Reed said to Mr. Hegedus. "I'm pleased you made that suggestion. There can't just be three people from Council having breakfast meetings with the University."

Mr. Hegedus said he accepted the challenge.

Princeton University, although largely tax exempt, is also the Borough's largest taxpayer. It pays taxes of approximately $1.7 million on $75 million of nonacademic property, according to Tax Assessor Carol Caskey.

There are a billion dollars of tax-exempt property in the Borough, which amounts to a little more than 50 percent of the entire Borough. Princeton University's tax-exempt properties total approximately $700 million. The balance of $300,000 belongs to the seminary, hospital, churches, and Westminster Choir College. —Myrna K. Bearse

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Karcher Likely To Be Named To Replace Slover

Peggy Karcher was expected to be selected by Borough Council to replace Councilman William Slover, who resigned from Council last Tuesday night, June 13.

Mr. Slover announced a number of months ago that he would not run for a second term. Ms. Karcher, wife of the late former Assembly Speaker and Mercer County Democratic Chairman Alan Karcher, entered the June 6 primary and was elected to run for the seat on Council held by Mr. Slover.

Mr. Slover had cited demands of work and family as his reasons for resigning, stating he could not give his position on Council the time and attention it deserves.

Last Tuesday, Mr. Slover told Mayor and Council he was resigning earlier than planned because he and his family were moving from the Borough to the Township the following week.

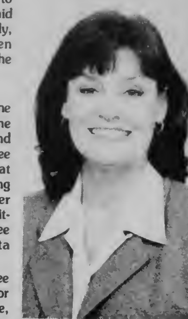
He said it had been an honor to serve on Council with the Mayor and his colleagues. His colleagues all responded with complimentary words, praising Mr. Slover for his judgment, genuineness and the passion he brought to issues. Mayor Reed called him "an excellent Council member."

At the meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, June 20, Mayor and Council will select from three names provided by the Borough members of the Mercer County Democratic Committee. Andrew Koontz, Borough Democratic municipal chair, said it would be an unusual move not to appoint Peggy Karcher to replace Mr. Slover. He said he supported her strongly, and that she had been strongly supported in the primary.

State law mandates that the municipal committee of the appropriate party recommend to the governing body three candidates to fill a seat vacated mid-term. Meeting Monday night, the Mercer County Democratic Committee selected Ms. Karcher, Lee Neuwirth, and Henrietta Backer.

By tradition, the committee votes its strong support for one of the three. In this case, said Mr. Koontz, the committee recommended Peggy Karcher highly and unanimously.

Mayor Reed said Monday that it would be only rational to expect Ms. Karcher to be appointed since she had already announced her candidacy to succeed Mr. Slover, had stood as a candidate in the primary, and had received a strong number of votes.



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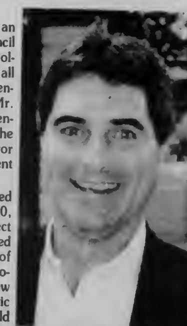

William Slover

Ms. Karcher, a resident of Princeton Borough since 1991, has been active in Democratic party politics in both Middlesex and Mercer counties. She served until recently as fund raiser and special events coordinator for the Mercer County Democratic Party.

Her running mate in November will be Wendy Benchley. They will face one Republican candidate, Rodney Fisk, and an independent candidate, Dorothy Koehn.

Mr. Slover was elected to Council in 1997. A member of the Princeton Community Democratic Organization, he had served for a year as Borough vice chair. He had been a member of the Traffic and Transportation Committee for four years and served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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McCarter Unveils Expansion Design for New Theater

GROUNDBREAKING NEXT YEAR: Shown above is the east elevation of the new Berlind Theatre, which will be constructed on the south side of the current McCarter building. The main doors will face University Place.

McCarter Theatre and Princeton University have unveiled the architectural design for the exterior of the new Berlind Theatre. Located on the south side of the current McCarter building, with its main doors facing University Place, this 350-seat building will complement the existing theater and be a hub of creative activity shared by both institutions.

Architect Hugh Hardy, founding partner of the award-winning firm of Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates, has designed the new building named in honor of the Broadway producer and Princeton University alumnus Roger S. Berlind '52. In addition to a new theater, the building will also include two rehearsal halls, classrooms, offices, and other support areas. Groundbreaking is scheduled to begin in early 2001.

First Time Seen

McCarter Theatre Managing Director Jeffrey Woodward said, "These architectural renderings mark the first time that our donors, audiences and the general public can see the wonderful design Hugh Hardy has created for the exterior of the building. There are still some important components pending, including completing the interior plans as well as final approval by the Princeton planning board."

"A new theater to complement McCarter's main stage has long been discussed."

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START (Students for Art) — sponsored by the youth program of the Arts Council of Princeton and the Princeton Recreation Department — will present a multimedia exhibit of work by Princeton-area students, on Saturday, June 24, at Pettoranello Gardens (Community Park North), Mountain Avenue at Route 206.

In the event of inclement weather, the exhibit will be rescheduled. For information, call Edith, at 466-8429, or Kate, at 279-1899.

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said architect Hugh Hardy. "This new theater will not only provide a more intimate second stage for McCarter's programs, but will also permit a closer integration between McCarter and the University's programs in Theater and Dance."

The exterior of the existing McCarter Theatre is an essay in patterned masonry that emphasizes the vertical. From the 130-foot-high tower to the recessed arches of the exterior walls and its French gothic entrance facade, it is a composition of gothic heritage. The new theater attempts to continue this approach by creating a stylistically consistent solution with the existing building as well as with other buildings on campus.

The principal materials for the new theater are a combination of stone and brick. Textured bricks in a diagonal pattern further complement the brick and stone walls and slate roofs of the existing building, and reflect the character of the campus environment. Enclosed by a gable roof, the new auditorium will be partially visible from University Place, behind a generous canopy of deciduous trees.

$8.4 Million in Pledges

Roger S. Berlind has made a $3.5 million gift to support the expansion of the McCarter Theatre building. The estimated cost of the building is $10.5 million, of which approximately $8.4 million has been pledged. Major contributors include Edward and Marie Matthews, the Kresge Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Merrill Lynch and more than 1,550 other individuals, corporations and foundations.

In addition to a wide variety of architectural and planning work across the country, Mr. Hardy and his firm have been responsible for such well-recognized projects as the Radio City Music Hall restoration; Bryant Park rehabilitation and the Bryant Park Grill; New Amsterdam and New Victory Theaters restorations on 42nd Street; Brooklyn Academy of Music's Harvey Theater, Rose Cinemas and the BAMCafe; Rainbow Room restoration; the Wilma Theater in Philadelphia; Vivian Beaumont Theater renovation at Lincoln Center; The Joyce theater; and Windows on the World.

Current work includes expansion and restoration of Vassar College Libraries; ren-

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ovation of The Performing Arts Center at Purchase College; and the creation of new performing arts centers for Georgetown University and the University of Notre Dame. The Berlind Theatre represents Mr. Hardy's first architectural project on the Princeton University campus. He is an alumnus of the University, class of 1954.

Univ. Programs Benefit

The Berlind Theatre will enable McCarter Theatre to expand the number and variety of productions it offers each year. The new building will also provide much needed space for public readings and workshops to foster the creation of development of new plays. It will offer a wealth of new opportunities for Princeton University's renowned Program in Theater and Dance, which has long needed a larger and more flexible performance space for faculty and student artists, and will benefit significantly from the additional classrooms and technical areas.

Winner of the 1994 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre, McCarter Theatre is led by Artistic Director Emily Mann, Managing Director Jeffrey Woodward, and Special Programming Director William W. Lockwood, Jr.

McCarter Theatre was built with funds from Princeton alumnus Thomas N. McCarter to provide a permanent home for the Princeton University Triangle Club in 1929. In 1973, the University transferred direct control of the theater to the McCarter Theatre Company, which was separately incorporated as a New Jersey not-for-profit organization.

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University Appoints Princeton Alumna New Director

Lauren Robinson-Brown, a former award-winning journalist and communications director for the New Jersey Department of State and now that agency's second-ranking official, has been appointed Princeton University's director of communications, effective mid-August.

She succeeds Justin Harmon, who left earlier this spring to accept a position at Wesleyan University.

Laura Robinson Brown

A member of the Princeton Class of 1985, Ms. Robinson-Brown majored in English, earned a certificate in Afro-American studies, had leadership roles in the Organization of Black Unity and the Black Thoughts Table, and was a senior editor of The Vigil, and a disc jockey for WPRB.

After earning a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and working for a Newark-based cable company, she began an award-winning career as a newspaper reporter, working first at the Newark Star-Ledger, then at the Dallas Times-Herald, and then at the Boston Globe.

She also wrote freelance articles for local and national publications, including journalism and educational monthlies and Black Enterprise Magazine in New York.

In March 1993 she was named executive director and press secretary for the Boston school board. In December 1994 she returned to her native New Jersey as director of communications for the Department of State, serving as press secretary for the department, overseeing its internal and external communications, and managing its communications staff.

Six months later she was promoted to assistant commissioner and in January 1998 she was again promoted, this time to assistant secretary of state. In this capacity she is the department's second-ranking official and manages its daily operations, with particular emphasis on communications and strategic projects.

"Lauren brings experiences, insight, and a stellar record of accomplishment in all of the areas for which our director of communications is responsible — press relations, internal and external communications, and publications —and she brings both a deep understanding of and an attachment to Princeton," said Robert K. Durkee, vice president for public affairs, who announced the appointment.

"She was the overwhelming first choice among those who helped interview our candidates, and we are delighted to be able to welcome her back to campus."

New PWB Appointment

Mr. Durkee also announced the appointment of Yvonne Chiu Hays to succeed Caroline Moseley, who will retire this summer as principal staff writer for the Princeton Weekly Bulletin and editor of Princeton Parents News.

Ms. Hays will assume these duties while also writing news releases and other materials, including materials for the web. A 1995 graduate of Dartmouth College, Ms. Hays served as editor-in-chief and chairman of the Dartmouth daily student newspaper.

After internships at several leading newspapers, including the Washington Post and the New York Times, she worked for the last four years at the Sacramento Bee.

She also has been an officer of the Asian-American Journalists Association in Sacramento, where she was a mentor to high school students interested in journalism careers.

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Bear Hunting Ban

The Senate Environment Committee last week released a bill that would ban bear hunting in the state. Reed Gusciora (D.-Princeton) is the sponsor of a similar bill in the Assembly.

The bill bans both open season on bears, as well as hunting by permit. It includes a provision for $95,000 in funding for the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife to develop a plan to reduce the black bear population, by a means other than hunting.

The ban is bitterly opposed by wildlife management officials who want to keep the state's growing bear population within the range of 250 to 330 bears, which, they say, is all the state can support.

Last year, the NJ wildlife control unit received 1,660 complaints about bears. The Fish and Game Council wants to resume bear hunting this fall for the first time in three decades.

Clarifying Truck Limits

During the past two weeks the NJ Department of Transportation has put up about 200 signs marking the roads that are off limits to 102-inch-wide trucks, as well as those where they are permitted. About 30 more signs will be erected during the next few days.

In May, state troopers began issuing tickets to truck drivers caught violating Governor Christine Whitman's order, issued last summer, barring large trucks from local roads. That order restricts the trucks to a national network of highways unless they are making local pickups or deliveries. The NJ Turnpike, Atlantic City Expressway, and all interstate highways belong to the network.

Violations carry a penalty of $400. The new signs depict a truck bearing the number "102" on the back. On roads that are off limits to trucks, the image is circled in red, and there is a slash through it. Where trucks are permitted, there is no slash and the circle is green.

Muslim Dietary Law

New Jersey may soon be the first state in the nation to enact a law regulating the sale of food prepared under Muslim dietary laws. The legislation — which passed the state Assembly and the Senate unanimously — would put New Jersey at the head of efforts to place Islam on an equal legal footing with Christianity and Judaism.

Yousef Kosht, an activist in the NJ Muslim community of more than 300,000 statewide, told the Star-Ledger of Newark he hopes the legislation will lead to further laws regulating all products that might be unclean to Muslims. These include shampoos and cosmetics that may be made with pork byproducts, he said.

The bill, which now heads to Governor Christine Whitman for her signature, offers protection from pricing fraud by enacting penalties. It requires producers to follow halal strictures, taken from the Koran and based on dietary laws from the Hebrew bible.

$900,000 Beach Restoration

The NJ House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee has approved almost $900,000 for two ongoing Jersey Shore beach restoration projects.

The money will pay for projects on shores along Long Beach Island and the Seaside areas. A full House vote is scheduled for sometime this week, according to Rep Jim Saxton (R.-Mount Holly) who requested the funding.

The beaches need to be restored, Mr. Saxton said, because of damage and erosion sustained during three big storms in the early 1900s. The measure is expected to be approved by the full House, after which it will make its way to the Senate. If the measure passes, a sum of $218,000 would also be set aside to study ways in which coastal ecosystems can be restored.

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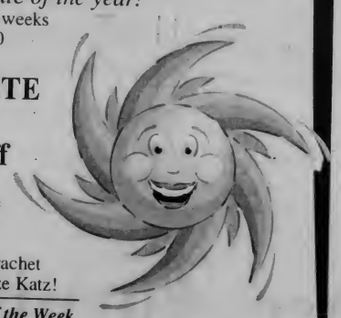

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PRS & Rider Univ. Discuss Idea Of Joint Arts Center

The Princeton Regional School Board has begun discussions with Bart Luedeke, president of Rider University, concerning construction of a jointly-operated performing and creative arts center, to be located on the northwest corner of the Westminster Choir College campus. [Westminster is a division of Rider University.]

Frank Strasburger, chair of the board's facilities committee, announced at the board meeting on June 20, that Rider has appointed a steering committee to meet with Hillier architects Dave Hingston and Susan Kutner in mid-July to develop an architectural program. [The Hillier Group was retained by the Princeton Regional School district to help it prepare for a school expansion bond referendum.]

Mr. Hingston and Ms. Kutner will also hold discussions with PRS arts teachers and administrators.

The idea of a "campus" that would contain an arts center, a science building, and a sports facility — to be shared by the high school and middle school — was first suggested at a board retreat in November 1998.

The possibility of including an entity outside the district, like Rider University, has, however, only been discussed recently.

"There is substantial interest on both sides," according to Mr. Strasburger. "Both the school board and Rider are excited by the possibility of building a facility that neither of us could manage independently."

No one at Rider could be reached for comment, but Mr. Strasburger said performing art spaces are very limited at Westminster, and the only large auditorium is located on the Rider University campus in Lawrenceville.

By September, he said, Hillier hopes to present the two groups with options. "We should know shortly thereafter whether we are prepared to recommend a collaborative plan to our respective boards," he declared.

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Introduction Reset On Meter Ordinance

Originally planned for the Tuesday night, June 20 meeting, the introduction of the ordinance increasing meter rates in Princeton Borough has now been rescheduled for the Council meeting on Tuesday night, June 27. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

The ordinance is expected to call for a rise in the hourly rate, from 75 cents to $1.50, in and around Palmer Square. Also, rates on Nassau Street, between Bayard Lane and Vandeventer Avenue, as well as on Witherspoon Street, from Nassau Street to Wiggins Street, are expected to be recommended for an increase from 75 cents to a dollar.

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Local Man's Nap Is Interrupted By DWI, Drug Arrest

On June 14 at 1:55 p.m., Patrol Officer Nick Sutter stopped a Pennsylvania man for driving without wearing a seatbelt, and for driving an unregistered car. During the stop, the suspect, Howell Durham, 43, consented to a search of his car.

During the search, Officer Sutter found a hypodermic needle in Durham's jacket pocket. Another hypodermic needle containing suspected heroin and a plastic bag containing suspected heroin were found on the ground outside of the car. A passenger in the car, Alphonso West, 46, of Pennsylvania, admitted throwing these items out of the car during the stop.

Durham and West were arrested and taken to police headquarters for processing. Durham was charged with possession of a hypodermic needle, failure to wear a seatbelt, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving without a license, no insurance, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

West was charged with possession of heroin and possession of a hypodermic needle. Both were released on their own recognizance, and both are scheduled to appear in court June 26.

Spirit of Princeton Plans Big Fireworks Show for July 1

The skies will be ablaze Saturday night, July 1 when Spirit of Princeton presents its third annual Fourth of July Fireworks. The show will begin at approximately 9 p.m. on the Princeton University playing fields along Washington Road. Rain date is Sunday, July 2.

The show will last between a half hour and 45 minutes, said Ray Wadsworth, a member of Spirit of Princeton. "We're going to have $5,000 more in fireworks this year because it's 2000. It's going to be a nice show," he said.

The fireworks will be accompanied by recorded patriotic music.

Parking will be available in the Princeton University lots at Jadwin Gym and in Lot 25 on Washington Road, between Ivy Lane and Faculty Road. For information on handicapped parking, call Mr. Wadsworth at 683-4008.

As in past years, West Windsor police will close Washington Road between Route 1 and Faculty Road from approximately 8 to 10 p.m.

Lighting after the show will be provided by the Princeton and West Windsor fire companies and First Aid Squads to help people walk back safely.

DWI, Drug Charges

In another drug related incident, Officer Ken Riley and Officer Sutter investigated a man sleeping in a car parked on John Street. The 19-year-old man, John Cunningham, of Stuart Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. The two officers also found suspected marijuana in Cunningham's car during the investigation.

He was charged with DWI, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana under 50g). He was released on his own recognizance, and was scheduled to appear in court on June 19.

Two 14-year-old Princeton High School students had their unlocked bicycles stolen from the PHS campus on June 16 between 3:15 and 3:25 p.m. One bike is described as a white Trek trick bicycle, valued at $200. The other is a silver Trek trick bicycle, valued at $300.

Officer Edward Sullivan took the theft report at police headquarters, and broadcasted a description of the bicycles to the other borough officers over the radio. Upon hearing the broadcast, Officer Gary Mitchell remembered seeing two juveniles riding the bicycles earlier in the day.

A 16-year-old and 17-year-old juvenile were taken into custody for stealing the bicycles. They were charged with juvenile delinquency, and were released on their own recognizance.

Someone stole a Specialized "Hardrock" mountain bike from a 16-year-old Princeton resident who left his bike at Princeton High School. The incident occurred between 12:30 and 2:50 p.m. on June 19. The value of the bike is $300.

Stolen Computers

A Dell Latitude laptop computer and two credit cards were stolen from a Foulke Hall dorm room on the university campus, between 3 and 11 a.m. June 18. The victim, a 19-year-old student from California, left the room unlocked. The total value of the stolen items is $1,500.

Another incident of computer theft occurred between 1:30 and 8:05 a.m. on June 16. Someone forced open a door to a suite in the Bendheim Hall Center for International Studies, on the university campus, and stole a Hewlett Packard 4050 printer, valued at $1,345, and a Hewlett Packard 4000 printer, valued at $1,200.

A $3,000 Model 1400CS Macintosh laptop computer was stolen from a study table in the Princeton Public Library between 10:55 and 11:05 a.m. on June 15. The victim, a 46-year-old employee of a magazine company, left the computer unattended.

Between 11:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. June 16, someone entered the Wallace Social Science Building on campus, which was unlocked, and stole a Winbook P233 laptop computer. The value of the computer is $858.

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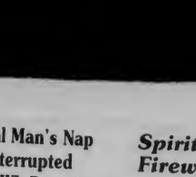

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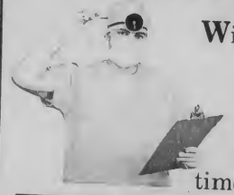

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Skateboarders

Police were called to the Woodrow Wilson Fountain on campus after receiving a report of juvenile delinquency trespassing. Princeton University Department of Public Safety Proctor Malek and Officer Flanders were detaining a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old male juvenile when police arrived.

The juveniles were riding gas powered motorized skateboards, and had been previously warned by security officers not to trespass on campus. Both were taken into custody and brought to police headquarters for processing. They were charged with juvenile delinquency (trespassing), and were released to the custody of their parents.

Criminal Mischief

Police received a report of criminal mischief at a Spruce Street rooming house on June 14. Two male youths between 13 and 15 years of age used blue spray paint to write "Cop Killer" and "Punx" on the wall of the victim's property.

A theft of mislaid property occurred between 10:30 and 10:40 a.m. on June 14. The victim, a female Princeton Borough resident, left a carry bag purse behind after leaving a retail business on Witherspoon Street. The value of the bag and all of the contents inside is $94.50.

Township police reported a motor vehicle accident occurred at 9:46 a.m. June 19. A 1991 Toyota Corolla driven by Sally D. Warnock, 67, of South Harrison Street, was traveling east on Faculty Road. Warnock lost control of the vehicle and struck a tree and fence on the south side of the road.

She sustained head injuries in the crash and was transported to Princeton Medical Center. Afterwards she was released to police and charged with DWI and careless driving. She was scheduled to appear in court on June 20.

Waldorf School Camp To Focus on the Arts

The Waldorf School of Princeton, 1062 Cherry Hill Road, will hold its summer camp program from June 26 through August 4, from 8:30 to 1, on the campus. An after-camp program is available from 1 to 5:30. There are three two-week sessions of the camp, open to children from 4½ to 15 years of age. Campers may register for as many sessions as they like.

This year, the camp will include an Arts Intensive program, open to students from 11 to 15. Classes will be available in batik, bookmaking, painting, ceramics, Waldorf doll workshop, basketry, drawing from nature, woodworking, and felting.

The focus of the annual Waldorf summer camp is on nature and the arts. Campers will study the cultures of Native Americans, Africa and India.

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Reading Programs Begin at Library For All Ages

The Princeton Public Library kicked off its "Readers are Fantastic" Reading Clubs for children and teens recently at the library. Participants registered at the youth services desk, and picked up Reading Club information, reading lists, a summer programs flier and more.

Storytime began the week of June 19, with times and dates as follows:

Lapsits for Baby and Parent: For children under 2 with a caregiver. Alternate Wednesdays at 10, June 21 to August 16.

Toddler Stories: For children 2 to 3 ½ accompanied by an adult. Tuesdays at 10:30, June 20 to August 15.

Preschool Stories: For children 3 ½ to 5 with or without a caregiver. Tuesdays at 1:30, June 20 to August 15.

Family Stories: For children aged 2 to 6 who can listen. Thursdays at 1:30, June 22 to August 17.

Sleepytime Stories: for children aged 2 to 6 and their stuffed animals or dolls. Thursdays at 7, June 22 to August 10.

The Tempting Tales Club: for 5 ½ to 8, Tuesdays at 4.

Lemonade Club: 8 and older, Tuesdays at 4:45, June 27 to August 15. Series Programs and other Special Programs will include Creative Dramatics, Game Night, Scary Stories and Not-So-Scary Stories, "Knights! Dragons Puppets!", Science Fun, Stories-in-a-Box, Simultaneous Chess, and more...

Teen Programs will include Teen Advisory Board, which meets Saturdays, July 15 and August 12 at 1; Teen 'Zine Scene (make-your-own 'zine workshop) Monday, June 26 at 7; and the Parent-Child Book Discussion Group which meets alternate Wednesday evenings at 7, from June 21 through August 30.

Reading lists are available at the library. Most programs require advance registration.

Special assistance for persons with disabilities who want to participate in library sponsored programs may be arranged upon request. Notify the Youth Services office in advance if you require specific needs, 924-9529, extension 244.

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Meredith Moran

Tropical Fruit Salsa

Makes 3 to 4 cups

This refreshing and tasty salsa is a welcome addition to summer al fresco dining. It will complement a wide range of buffet offerings, especially grilled seafood and veggies. Great for entertaining or informal family meals.

2 mangoes
1 pineapple
2 yellow tomatoes (for color, use red if yellow is not available)
1 small onion, Vidalia is best
2 cloves garlic
1 chile pepper, jalapeño or habanero
1 lime
½ cup chopped cilantro

1. Peel and rough chop the mangoes and pineapple. Seed and chop the tomatoes. Peel and chop the onion. Peel and mince the garlic. Seed and mince the chili pepper. Cut the lime in half; remove seeds, scoop out pulp and rough chop. Combine all chopped ingredients in a bowl. Add cilantro.

2. Mix all ingredients well. Let stand in the refrigerator for 24 hours. Serve.

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Montessori to Hold French Immersion Camp

The Princeton Montessori School will convert to French-speaking and a French culture this summer for three weeks. A French Immersion workshop for children ages 8-12 will take place at the school, from July 10 to July 28.

Two French consultants have been retained to assist French instructors Amy Forsberg and Jacqueline Berkman with the workshop — where children will be immersed in French language and culture all day, every day.

All children who register will also be able to participate in recreational swimming and tennis instruction, as well as a three-day, outdoor adventure. For more information, call Debbie Pfeffer, at 924-4594, extension 245.

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The Hun School Recognizes Members Of the Class of 2000

Fifteen seniors at the 86th commencement exercises at The Hun School of Princeton received the top prizes for the senior class. Among them were several local residents.

Receiving the Edwin C. "Jake" Jacobs Award for demonstrated selflessness, friendliness, interest in others, and exceptional service to the school was Samantha Jane Procaccini, Princeton, who will attend The University of Rhode Island.

The John L. Kuschke Memorial Award for demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in nonathletic extracurricular activities was presented to Aditi Prabhu of East Windsor.

Charles Robert Haines III of Hamilton, received the John R. Scott Memorial Award. This award is presented to the senior who, by proven excellence in athletics, sportsmanship, leadership, and school spirit, contributed most to the school. Charles will attend Elizabethtown College in the fall.

The Robert Strianese Memorial Award was given to Camilla Jill Orland, Princeton. This award was established in memory of Robert Strianese, president of the class of 1970, to be presented to that member of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the faculty, has earned the respect of students and faculty alike for perseverance, leadership, and loyalty to The Hun School. Camilla will attend Georgetown University.

Colin Daniel Speakerj, Princeton, was presented with the James A. McFadden Memorial Award. This award was established in memory of Jimmy McFadden, class of 1959, for his exemplary spirit of honor, true sportsmanship, and deep loyalty to his friends, his family, and God. It is presented each year to that member of the graduating class who, in the opinion of the faculty, most nearly exemplifies these qualities. Colin will attend Columbia University in the fall.

The Katherine Wright Gorrie Memorial Award is awarded to that member of the senior class who best exemplifies the qualities of Kate Gorrie, distinguished member of the class of 1998. These include a love of family and friends; respect for the environment; joy and radiance of expression and demeanor; integrity; and sincere desire to acquire and impart knowledge. The recipient of this award was Keith Shane Fitzpatrick, Princeton Junction, who will be going to the United States Air Force Academy.

The Headmaster's Award is given to those individuals in the senior class who exemplify the personal growth which results from taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by The Hun School of Princeton. Due to their commitment to excellence in scholarship and exemplary participation in extracurricular activities and service to the community, they have brought honor to themselves and to the School. The award was presented to Evan Meade Ashworth, Trenton, who will attend The University of Chicago; and Casey Colleen Sherman, Belle Mead, who will attend Boston College.

A large number of students in The Hun School earned the Presidential Award, presented to students who maintained an average of 90 or above in all of their classes.

The recipients this year were: Aditi Prabhu, Diana Ricketti, Edward Lee, Moses Chang, Colin Speaker, Johathan Powers, Evan Ashworth, Keith Fitzpatrick, Alyson Duggan, Emily Cofer.

And Camilla Orlandi, Samantha Procaccini, Kari Horowitz, Szu-Mi Chen, John O'Hara, Angie Lin, David Vecchione, Mary Springsted, Andrew Mikolasy, Tessa Montifo, Daniel Domb, Jillian Stein, Elizabeth Merritt, Rayann Torres, Allison Kurtz, Michael Tchorni, and Artur Mamedov.

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Officer Graduates From Police Academy

Princeton Borough Patrol Officer Christopher Tash, hired January 3 as a probationary officer, graduated from the Somerset Police Academy on June 12 after successfully completing a rigorous six month training program.

At the graduation ceremony, held at Raritan Valley Community College, Officer Tash was presented with the New Jersey Police Training Commission "Merit Award."

This prestigious award is presented to the recruit who is most likely to excel in their career, according to his or her peers. Officer Tash has been assigned to uniformed patrol duties for the borough.

Officer Tash, of Hamilton Square, graduated from Hightstown High School in 1991, and Stockton State College in 1997. Since graduation from college, he has been working for the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice as an investigator.

His family is from Princeton, and his aunt, Robyn McKee, recently retired from the borough after serving for many years as the court administrator.

Hospital Reports Twins Born to Area Residents

A twin girl and boy were born to a Plainsboro couple, Madan and Sumana Moudgal, at the Medical Center Princeton, on June 13, according to a report from the hospital. The hospital has also reported births to 14 other area residents for the week ending June 15.

Sons were born to John and Tami Ruddy, Princeton, June 8; Larry and Mary Larscheid, Princeton, June 9; Stanley and Mary Misiolek, Hopewell, June 10; Martin and Christina Burke, Pennington, June 12; and to Jerry and Robin Yusko, Plainsboro, June 12.

Sons were also born to Anthony Balestrieri and Anamaria Cassoria, West Windsor, June 13; Brian and Suzanne Lucas, Princeton Junction, June 13; Joshi Kuncheria and Jinny Joseph, Plainsboro, June 14; John and Janice Hutchinson, Princeton, June 15; and Erix Yuman and Mirna Alvarez, Princeton, June 15.

Daughters were born to Moses and Marta Santizo, Princeton, June 10; Guillermo and Claris Orlanski, Princeton, June 13; Larry and Tina Corso, Princeton, June 13; and to Thierry and April Rigogne, Princeton, June 13.

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BUSINESS

Local Marketing Firm Hosts Foreign Exchange

Princeton Partners, a marketing agency in the Forrestal Center, was host to its first foreign exchange employee in May. Markus Lipp, a 32-year-old copywriter from the Munich, Germany company of **heller & partner**, spent a week becoming involved in every aspect of the Princeton agency, from new client meetings to creative sessions.

He also presented examples of his own work and case studies on how his company — which counts BMW among its clients — solves business problems for clients.

The employee swap occurred because both agencies are members of MAGnet, the Marketing and Advertising Global Network. At one of the organization's meetings, Stephan Heller, the principal of **heller & partner**, proposed the idea of exchanging employees to Princeton Partners president, Tom Sullivan.

The most enjoyable part of his time at Princeton Partners was his participation in the development of a TV commercial on behalf of a client, United National Bank, Mr. Lipp said.

Outside office hours, Princeton Partners employees tried to make Mr. Lipp feel at home, while giving him a distinctly American experience. They took him to a classic New Jersey diner for dinner one night; another evening, they took him to see a Trenton Thunder minor league baseball game.

"I was surprised at how civil a game baseball is," Mr. Lipp observed. "Nothing at all like football (soccer) in Germany."

Mr. Sullivan the Princeton Partners president, said the Princeton company will send an employee to **heller & partner** in the fall.

Business Briefs

Princeton Electronic Systems has received a $750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to develop equipment for high speed computer networks. The grant was announced by Rep. Rush Holt (D.-12th Dist.), who noted that the Princeton company will receive the funds through the Small Business Innovation Program, a program that targets funds to small businesses, allowing them to compete with larger companies.

V.J. Scozzari Inc., a Lawrenceville-based construction management, general contraction, and design/build firm, was recently recognized by Downtown New Jersey for construction of a mixed-use mercantile building at 2633 Main Street, Lawrenceville.

The building was recognized as one of the "Best of the Best" and received an "Excellence Award for a New Construction Project in a Small Community," in April, at the awards ceremony, held at Thomas Edison State College, Trenton.

Chef Luciano D'Avanzo

Casabona Owner Names New Executive Chef

Maria Maggio-Marfuggi, owner of Casabona Ristorante, the Italian restaurant at 1736 Route 206, Skillman, recently announced the appointment of Luciano D'Avanzo to the position of executive chef, effective immediately.

Chef D'Avanzo's career has included such well-known restaurants as the nine restaurants of La Costa Hotel and Spa, Carlsbad, Calif.; opening La Buca in Philadelphia; La Terrazza Restaurant in the Sultanate of Oman; Villani Restaurant, Houston,Texas; and San Francisco's Bella Voce Ristorante.

Chef D'Avanzo has also worked at the Amari Watergate Hotel, Bangkok; Sheraton Maria Isabel, Mexico City; Ristorante Chianti Cucina, Los Angeles, Calif.; and the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco.

Ms. Maggio-Marfuggi said that with the appointment of Chef D'Avanzo, Casabona will be the only authentic Tuscan restaurant in central New Jersey.

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MAILBOX

Appointed Officials Can't Pass Laws; Smoking Ban Won't Survive Review

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

I am delighted that the outrageous no-smoking *ordinance* in the Princetons is about to be tested in court. I cannot believe it could survive judicial review. There are two compelling reasons why it must be overturned.

The first is that no level of government in this country in authorized to redesign the lifestyle of its citizens by taking away their right to make their own decisions. How, in a free country, can anybody be told that he is not allowed to set up a bar or restaurant and cater to smokers if he so desires? That is a decision that should be left to the proprietor and to the free market, as long as it is a legal activity. Clearly it *is* a legal activity since tobacco growers are subsidized, and tobacco products are heavily taxed.

The second reason is even more important. Have we forgotten about our basic separation of powers to the extent that an appointed board can usurp the legislative authority? If this ordinance stands, think of the terrible precedent that would set! Laws are to be passed only by duly elected legislators, never by appointed officials.

This all has its roots in Clinton's rape of the tobacco industry when he used class action lawsuits to raise taxes without going to Congress and to reward his trial lawyer supporters at the same time. It has nothing to do with health or safety. If it works, gun makers will be next (the propaganda has already begun), followed by the liquor industry, and then any other he can demonize, such as fast food.

It is all about your freedom and your property rights, friends. It is time to look beyond the surface.

T.B. FISHER
Snowden Lane

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All of Our Children Are Our Future; We Need to Ensure It's a Good One

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

As another school year comes to an end, I have some thoughts that I would like to share. Being a parent in these times, with increasing school violence and a growing lack of respect among our children for others, I feel strongly that something has to be done. Our children are our future and we need to give them all we have to ensure that this future will be a good one.

I have been involved in the Princeton schools for a few years, and I am increasingly saddened to see how everything goes. I sympathize with our teachers as their job gets harder and harder because of this growing lack of respect from both adults and children. We all think that our children are the smartest, and when we see problems we tend to shift the responsibility away from ourselves and instead often blame others. I agree children are smart, and they are so special. I have two children myself and I am a mother full time. Sometimes it is not easy to be a parent. Everyday they are testing you with their needs and demands. I always say to myself, I have children because God wanted me to have them, and I have to learn from them. They teach us everyday. We need to stop and listen to them. Children need respect and to learn how to respect others. And children ask for love and discipline everyday through their funny behaviors. Often we are too busy to listen to them because our lives take over. But we have to realize that the building of respect starts at home and at an early age. For example, how many people can say that their child can sit still at the dinner table during dinner and enjoy the only meal with the family and talk about the day? Think! It might be silly, but it is after all a base of discipline. When they don't know how, how can we pretend that they can sit in a classroom and listen to their teacher. Imagine having twenty children like this everyday and do your job at the same time. Personally, I wouldn't be able to do that. It often happens that parents criticize the school and the teachers in front of their children. Children are like little sponges and they absorb everything. When they feel we don't like our school system, how can we expect them to have respect for it?

I felt strongly about writing this letter and to saying thank you to all the teachers for their efforts in working with our children. We need to consider ourselves lucky here in Princeton with our school system compared to that in other schools around the nation. But even here we see problems, and I truly wish to inspire other parents to stop and listen to the needs of their children. Slow down and be there for them. They need your guidance, your support and your time.

ROSI K. BABBITT
Snowden Lane

Dropping Full Service Requirement At Gas Stations a Low Octane Idea

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

It's spring in New Jersey, and along with the flowers, one of the perennial ill-advised ideas poking its way into the sunlight is the notion that our state should drop its full service requirement for gas stations and require people to pump their own like the people in other states. It is suggested that in return for allowing us the dubious pleasure of self-service, gasoline prices would be reduced.

Unfortunately, this is a bargain the consumer will never see. Currently prices in New Jersey are equal to or less than those of border states who have the self-service option. In other states, initial savings were almost immediately gobbled up by increased state taxes, a scenario likely to be followed here in New Jersey.

Just as big a concern for me is the increased burden and cost this plan would impose on our elderly and disabled population. In those states where full-service is optional, the cost for that service is invariably 5 cents higher or more per gallon. Why should we force senior citizens and the disabled who require such help to pay a penalty when they now receive the same service as everyone else at the same price?

A similar situation is posed by a parent driving with young children in the car. Should we penalize him or her for not wanting to leave their children alone in an automobile while they leave to pay their pump bill?

I, like many others, would like to see lower gas prices. However, let us not fool ourselves that requiring New Jersey residents to pump their own gas will reduce the cost of gas one cent. The real villains of this situation are the oil producing nations who artificially limit production, oil industry practices in general and the network of state and federal taxes that each pile on to force prices higher. We need greater efforts at the federal level to address these factors before we can see lower gasoline prices.

Finally, this legislation gives us no valid reason to give up a service that employs up to 200,000 attendants state-wide. These individuals are supporting families, paying taxes and contributing to their community. By eliminating the full service requirement, we also eliminate their jobs.

This legislation is such a low-octane idea that, if it were gasoline, we would never allow it near our car. It is a bill that I will oppose when it comes before the Senate.

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Technology Will Make Books Obsolete; Why Spend $20 Million on New Library?

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

To follow up several previous letters I have written about building the new library on the site of the present Township and school board building on lower Witherspoon Street (I had over 50 phone calls supporting this, one against), I have a larger viewpoint to share:

First, a new, larger library with more parking will compound our problems. Do we really want to take this step to further transform downtown Princeton into down-city Princeton? Our traffic worsens almost daily.

Now higher parking fees are about to be imposed for perhaps $100,000 in Borough income, which is peanuts in the long run, while being detrimental to the merchants.

Second, I seriously question the need for a larger library. A revolution is taking place in electronic publishing. A June 4th New York Times magazine article makes a believable case about the future of books as we know them. Traditionalists will say electronic books will never replace books we now know. It took a second article on June 11th to convince me it is going to happen. The first author, Jacob Weisberg, predicted hostility to these new electronic book notions just as "medieval clerics greeted printed books as impostor illuminated manuscripts — aesthetically inferior, texturally unreliable." He notes that the Rocketbook, "which has the heft of a folded-over paperback, is a portable screen that displays a single page at a time" but says this will soon look primitive. He concludes "appropriate technology (the book) now stands on the brink of improvement...readers and writers alike will be richer for the access they will gain...I've read more this past year simply because my e-book has made doing so more convenient."

But then on June 11th, Alan Burdick writes of the incredible technology about to be thrust upon us — electronic paper! Paper saturated with microscopic electronic devices that permits even wireless transmission of content to clearly write itself on the paper with "e-ink." Underline, store, do whatever (and better than with a normal book), and after reading one book, you can call up another from the voluminous library stores in the cybermemory. It's infinitely changeable and is, as physicist Joe Jacobson says, "the Last Book because it may be the last one you'll ever need!"

Incredibly, the article even talks of having a "traditional" newspaper in hand which is reprinted every day on the same electronic paper. Such technology, ease of use, flexible in size, is literally just a few years away.

I recognize the library board and consultants must be aware of what is coming. How, then, can a $17-$20 million new building be justified when the current library might be renovated to accommodate a new technology center with a lot of space made available as thousands of books of historical value stored elsewhere to be studied or withdrawn from time-to-time?

Millions of dollars would be saved, construction inconveniences eliminated. To encourage people — not cars — to come in for shopping and electronic library use, have parking areas away from downtown and use a series of jitneys constantly on the run throughout town. Something has to be done about traffic and parking, and this can be the beginning of some creative answers.

Interestingly, the New York Stock Exchange has been planning a $640 million new headquarters in Manhattan. Now, just this past week, serious doubts have arisen as to the need, as already over 30 percent of all trading is done on the Internet. It's a different world needing visionary thinking.

I was interested to see this week that Dorothy Koehn, who lives in the Borough and who I do not know, was in some part encouraged by my views about the right place for a larger library and has tossed her hat in the ring as an independent to run for Borough Council. She says her personal exit poll at the library found a great deal of support (and she can walk to the present library but makes a strong case for the lower Witherspoon site).

The delays of many years getting to where the library board and governments have arrived may be a God-send. The technology of today and tomorrow was virtually inconceivable five years ago. It is time to stop and look at our community's future. The library should either stay where it is and be reshaped to utilize the revolution in information while looking at new transportation services within the town so we won't soon become Princeton City. Or, lacking that kind of vision, spend our money if you must at the Valley Road-Witherspoon site and do something creative with the present library site. (Tens of thousands of dollars is going to be spent merely to adapt the school building for a temporary library during construction at the present site.)

We have an opportunity that apparently is not being considered, and we are at a crossroads. Who among Borough, Township, and library leaders will have the courage and vision to take the first step and say, "WHOA"?

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PHS Seniors Worked in the Heat To Make June Fete a Success

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Kids don't get very good press these days. The media is more than delighted to point out all the things kids do wrong — they're lazy, spoiled, disenchanted, jaded, surly, and occasionally violent. They play their music too loud, smoke, drink, take drugs, swear, and sometimes goof off at school. Very rarely are young people given credit for the good things they do. As the parent of four, I confess that I am sometimes guilty of forgetting to thank my kids for a job well done. The purpose of this letter is to congratulate the Princeton High School Class of 2000 for a very successful Senior Service Project and to commend the participants for their spirit of volunteerism.

Early on the morning of June 9th, 46 seniors from PHS boarded a bus, which was generously funded by Mr. Russell Packard, manager of the Tiger's Tale, and disembarked at the Princeton Hospital Fete fields on Washington Road. For nearly three hours, they hauled tables and chairs, set up entertainment areas, put up latticework, moved furniture, unpacked books, toys, and flea market items, marked out the 10 K race course, lined garbage cans, put up decorations at the dance tent and generally made themselves available to do whatever the Fete chairmen and chairwomen needed them to do. They were terrific. The Fete co-chairs, Anne Burns and Jeannine Honstein, remarked that they didn't know how all the work would have been done before 6 p.m. without the students. It was an extremely hot day, but the kids were uncomplaining, and impressed the adults with their enthusiasm and willingness to help.

I would like to thank the PHS administration, which sanctioned the Senior Project, and also Mr. Robert Vivens, Senior Class Advisor. The staff at Pizza Star allowed the seniors to take over nearly the whole restaurant after the Project, and was very accommodating to a large group of very hot and sweaty kids. Thank you, Nino!

It is always rewarding to see an idea evolve into an actual event, and this one was very special. The Princeton High School Class of 2000 can be very proud of its many accomplishments, and we, as a community, can be proud of these graduating students and wish each and every one of them all the best that life has to offer. They deserve it.

WENDY JOLLEY
Gallup Road

Committee Appreciates Cooperation In Determining Cable TV Service Needs

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

On behalf of the Joint Princeton Cable TV Committee, I want to say "thank you" to the many residents of Princeton who have taken the time to participate in our 1999 survey of Princeton cable TV subscribers, to attend the open community meetings, or to call or write to the members of the committee concerning cable TV service in our community. As it is not possible to thank all of you individually, I would like to say a collective "thank you" for bringing your concerns about our present cable TV service and your thoughts about our future needs to the attention of the committee and RCN. The large turnout at the two open community meetings and the responses we have received from individuals makes clear the importance of cable TV service to Princeton residents.

At the completion of the open community meetings, the committee will proceed with the preparation of a report to Princeton Borough Council and Princeton Township Committee. The report will evaluate the performance of RCN in relation to the requirements of their present franchise to provide cable TV service to Princeton. The report will also discuss the needs and desires of our community for future cable TV service.

As you are aware, the committee is limited by the New Jersey Administrative Code to deal only with the cable TV service in our franchise. However, it is the intent of the committee to make certain that RCN understands the views of the Princeton community on all the products and services that are delivered to our homes through the cable infrastructure that they have installed under their franchise.

It is the goal of the committee to complete its work on the report to the municipal governing bodies early in 2001. The draft report will be made available for public comment through copies to be made available at the Princeton Public Library, The Arts Council, Princeton Borough Hall, and Princeton Township Hall. The committee also plans to hold additional open public meetings in both Princeton Borough and Princeton Township to provide a forum for comment and discussion of the draft report.

The committee appreciates the cooperation and support that we have received from the Princeton community, and we hope that we will continue to merit your cooperation and support in the future.

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Ceasefire New Jersey Should Recognize That NRA Is at Forefront of Gun Safety

To the Editor of **Town Topics:**

Jodi Tolman [TOWN TOPICS, June 7] writes that the "gun violence prevention movement" contains ironies, asserting that NRA members "ally themselves with ... criminals" instead of supporting legislation that her group, Ceasefire New Jersey, favors. But she then unwittingly cites the real irony: that legitimate and responsible gun owners suffer by association when criminals, mental patients, or children misuse guns. That is indeed "incongruity between what might be expected and what actually occurs." A paroled or furloughed career criminal obtains a gun illegally and holds up a store, and somehow the NRA is guilty of complicity. A felon illegally buys a stolen or smuggled gun, so more roadblocks should be placed in front of legal purchasers.

Ms. Tolman says that if all gun owners were conscientious, there wouldn't be problems. I agree. If the paroled thug who skipped out on his paltry bail for armed robbery had been conscientious with his illegally obtained gun, he wouldn't have lined five people up in that Wendy's in Queens and shot them all in the head. If we had what the NRA supports — severe, swift, and certain punishment for violent crimes — that hoodlum wouldn't have had a chance to commit those murders. If one of those doomed employees had been armed, five innocent people might now be alive, but the City of New York has made sure that only outlaws have guns.

In fact, the NRA is all for preventing criminals from buying firearms, but not by targeting law-abiding citizens. (Note: The organizer of the Several Thousand Mom March wants metaphors like "targeting" excised from our language. Doing so will reduce gun violence, you see.) Jodi, I doubt that you have ever tried to purchase a firearm, but you should at least experience the process: appointment at the police station, fingerprinting, forms, fees, releases, references, background checks by state police and FBI, waiting period — all the things that legitimate buyers comply with and criminals ignore.

And the NRA is all for background checks to prevent mentally ill people from buying guns. However, as the New York Times reported recently, police are often barred from obtaining information that would disqualify these buyers. NRA perfidy? No, apparently "advocates" for the differently wired (or reality challenged, or whatever the current P C euphemism for nutcases) have sued to prevent access to such information, on the principle that the insane should not suffer discrimination of any kind, even in firearms purchases. I have urged Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli and Representative Rush Holt (enthusiastic anti-gunners all) to put a stop to this absurdity. What is Ceasefire New Jersey doing to close that "loophole," Ms Tolman?

And the NRA is very much in the forefront of the gun safety movement. Every NRA member I know carries and uses firearms safely and stores them locked or in a safe. Tens of millions of American children receive firearms safety training in NRA courses, in many states right in the public schools. How about helping us arrange such courses in the schools in Princeton, Ms. Tolman?

I'm heartened that Ms. Tolman uses the term "legitimate and responsible gun owner." It implies that, whatever she thinks of the Second Amendment, she acknowledges at least some sort of right to own a firearm. However, many in her "gun violence prevention movement" recognize no such right and are quite candid about their true agenda: total disarmament of the American citizenry. I know some of these people. I even like some of them personally. Many are sincere and well-intentioned, but they do look forward to the day when the police conduct Operation Search-and-Confiscate in every dwelling in America. Until then, they will grab at any firearms restriction they can get, claiming that all they want is "common-sense gun laws."

Well, Jodi, now that I have changed your mind, can I send you a bumper sticker that reads, "I will give up my gun when they pry it from my cold dead fingers." Or would you prefer to have the message on a belt buckle?

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 21

6:30 p.m.: Regional Schools Minority Education Committee, John Witherspoon School Library.

7-7:30 p.m.: TV30A, Meet the Mayors. Borough Mayor Marvin Reed and M. Simone from Princeton's sister city, Colmar, France. Live. Call-in. 252-2379.

7:30 p.m.: Opera Festival, *Carmen*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8.

8-10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Paterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Thursday, June 22

6-8 p.m.: Billy Hill and His Band; Courtyard, Princeton Shopping Center. Rain date June 23.

6:30 p.m.: Princeton High School graduation; high school field.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board, Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: *Grease*, Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

Friday, June 23

7 p.m.: Annual Fire Department Parade and Inspection; Begins at Chestnut Street and proceeds down Nassau Street to Borough Hall.

Saturday, June 24

8 p.m.: Opera Festival opening night, Verdi's *Falstaff*; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Summer concert, Broadside Electric; Stony Brook Coffeehouse, Hopewell Township.

8-11 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Paterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Sunday, June 25

2 p.m.: Opera Festival of New Jersey; *Carmen*; McCarter Theatre.

2 p.m.: Great American Circus; Princeton Overlook Center, Route 1 South. Also at 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Monday, June 26
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7 p.m.: Township Committee, Valley Road Building.

7:30 p.m.: Township Sidewalk & Bikeway Advisory Committee, Township Hall lunchroom.

Tuesday, June 27

5 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees, Library second-floor meeting room, 65 Witherspoon Street.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council, Borough Hall.

Wednesday, June 28

7-7:30 p.m.: Meet the Mayors, Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand with guest to be announced. Live. Call in. 252-2379.

7:30 p.m.: Opera Festival of New Jersey, *Falstaff*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 8.

7:30 p.m. Recital, Piano Pedagogy Faculty; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8-10:30 p.m.: Princeton Country Dancers, Suzanne Paterson Center, Monument Drive (behind Borough Hall).

Thursday, June 29

6-8 p.m.: The Blawenburg Band; Courtyard, Princeton Shopping Center.

7:30 p.m.: Recital, Katherine McClure, flute; Esma Pasic-Filpovic, piano; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: The Meridian String Quartet, Princeton University Summer Chamber Concerts; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: *Grease*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park. Also Friday and Saturday at 8.

Friday, June 30

7 p.m.: Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Pettoranello Gardens, Community Park North. Also Saturday and Sunday at 7.

Saturday, July 1

8 p.m.: Opera Festival of New Jersey; *Carmen*; McCarter Theatre.

Sunday, July 2

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Mr. Dombey is a graduate of Hillsborough High School. He is the owner of Rich Designs, Belle Mead.

The couple plans a September wedding.

Weddings

Hanewald-Mount. Reuwai H. Mount, daughter of Pam and Gary Mount, Cold Soil Road, to Michael Stuart Hanewald, son of Anne and Thomas Hanewald, Seneca, S.C.; on June 17, at the Lawrenceville School Chapel, Lawrenceville, the Rev. Lee Hastings Bristol III, officiating.

The bride graduated in 1990 from the Lawrenceville School; she obtained a B.A. degree in 1994, from Princeton University. She is chair of the middle school science department at the American School, San Salvador, El Salvador, where she also teaches eighth grade science, and serves as director of the Math/Science Center.

Mr. Hanewald also graduated in 1990 from the Lawrenceville School, and, in 1994, from the University of Vermont, Burlington. He is the ninth grade history teacher at the American School in San Salvador, where he also chairs the high school history department. He directs the ropes course and rock-climbing program at the American School, as well.

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A SUMMER OF SHAKESPEARE: The Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival's first offering, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed from June 30 to July 23 in Pettoranello Gardens. Shown in rehearsal are, top, Liam Christopher O'Brien; and, clockwise, from left, Sarah Lippman, David Prete, Justin Donham, and Karen Traynor.

A Summer Filled With Shakespeare Due in Princeton

The Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival, celebrating its sixth year, has announced an expansion to a full summer of free Shakespeare in Pettoranello Gardens, from June 30 to August 27.

The first production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, will run from June 30 to July 23. It will be directed by Jeff Cohen and feature a cast that includes Obie Award-winning actor David Greenspan as Bottom, and Bradley Cole, star of the CBS daytime drama, *The Guiding Light*, in the dual roles of Theseus and Oberon.

Following this, *The Taming of the Shrew* will run from August 4 to August 27. It will be directed by Princeton Rep Artistic Director Victoria Liberatore.

Performance schedule for both productions is Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Pettoranello Gardens is located in Community park North, at Mountain Avenue and Route 206.

Admission is free, but a minimum contribution of $10 is strongly encouraged.

Jeff Cohen frames Shakespeare's comedy in the world of 1940s America. He is the artistic director of Off-Broadway's Worth Street Theater Company, which most recently presented Tennessee Williams *Small Craft Warnings*.

David Greenspan received the Obie Award and a Drama Desk nomination for his performance in the Off-Broadway revival of *The Boys in the Band*.

Also featured in the cast is Queen Esther in the dual roles of Hippolyta and Titania. Queen Esther just performed her one-woman show, *Queen Esther: Unemployed Superstar* to a sold-out audience at the Joseph Papp Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival's cabaret room, Joe's Pub.

Tickets are distributed at Fleet Financial Solutions Center, 16 Nassau Street, Friday from 9 to 5 and Saturday from 9 to noon. An unlimited number of tickets may be picked up now for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and beginning July 24, for *The Taming of the Shrew*. Tickets will also be available at Petoranello Gardens for that evening's performance.

For ticket information, call 688-0381.

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As part of Princeton Rep's ongoing education and outreach efforts, Shakespeare Downtown Education workshops will be offered free of charge at Fleet Financial Solutions Center, 16 Nassau Street.

Classes for adults and actors will be offered by New York-based voice and verse consultant and Shakespeare coach Sandra Goodman on July 10 and 17. An additional workshop for children will be offered July 24 by Joanne Zipay, artistic director of the Judith Shakespeare Company in New York City.

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N.J. Opera Festival Sets Production of Verdi's "Falstaff"

Opera Festival of New Jersey will present Verdi's *Falstaff* on June 24, 28, 30 and July 9 and 15. Performances will be held at McCarter Theatre. The production will be sung in Italian with English supertitles projected above the stage.

Verdi's last staged work, this comedy is almost a comedy of errors as Falstaff tries to seduce two women for financial gain. They plot against him and a jealous husband gets involved.

Mark Delavan stars as Sir John Falstaff. He has portrayed the role at New York City Opera and Glimmerglass Opera, and has worked at numerous companies around the country including New Orleans Opera, Santa Fe Opera, Baltimore Opera, and Opera Company of Philadelphia.

Mark Delavan's credits also include *Tosca*, *Rigoletto*, *Macbeth*, *Attila*, and *Lucia di Lammermoor* at New York City Opera, *Madama Butterfly* and *La Boheme* at New Orleans Opera, and *Faust* at San Francisco Opera.

Conductor is Willie Anthony Waters; director is Michael McConnell.

Victor Benedetti (Ford) has appeared at New York City Opera in *Don Giovanni*, *Die Zauberflote*, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, and *Le Nozze di Figaro*. Other past engagements include *The Crucible* and *Susannah* at Washington Opera and *Don Giovanni* with Opera Festival of New Jersey.

Juliana Rambaldi (Alice Ford) returns to Opera Festival after last year's *Don Giovanni*. Past engagements include *Le Nozze di Figaro* at New York City Opera, *A View From the Bridge* at Lyric Opera of Chicago, and *La Traviata* and *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* at Houston Grand Opera. She is Victor Benedetti's on- stage and off-stage wife.

Jonathan Boyd (Fenton) returns to Opera Festival after last years *Postcard From Morocco*. Other past engagements include *Romeo and Juliet* at Kennedy Center, *The Mother of Us All* at New York City Opera, and *Susannah* at L'Opera de Montreal.

Kristen Plumley (Nannetta) is making her Opera Festival of New Jersey debut. Past engagements include *Central Park* and *Platee* at New York City Opera, *Don Pasquale* at Opera Memphis and Virginia Opera, *Werther* at Chautauqua Opera, and *Die Fledermaus* at Boheme Opera NJ.

Hillary Nicholson (Mrs. Quickly) is also making her Opera Festival of New Jersey debut. Past engagements include *The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* at the Met, *Ballymore* at Skylight Opera Theatre, and *The Picnic* at Trinity Repertory Theatre.

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The set and costumes (on loan from Florida State Opera) were originally designed by Fay Conway and lighting is by F. Mitchell Dana, who is returning for his 12th season.

Conductor Willie Anthony Waters is General and Artistic Director of Connecticut Opera. Michael McConnell, making his Opera Festival debut, has directed at places such as Opera Memphis, Mississippi Opera, Dayton Opera, and Opera Theatre of Lucca.

Tickets range in price from $22 to $82 and subscriptions are still available for the entire season. For ticket and subscription information, call the McCarter box office at 258-ARTS (2787).

Catered Picnics

Opera Festival of New Jersey features catered picnics under the Festival Tent on the lawn at Princeton Theological Seminary located at the corner of Alexander Street and College Road across from McCarter Theatre.

Picnics must be ordered at least three days in advance from Richard's Market Catering at 716-0069. Reservations for picnic tables are recommended at a cost of $10. Picnic menu items include chicken nicoise, grilled marinated flank steak, grilled salmon, and Medtterranean penne pasta at a cost of $15.

Opera Festival of New Jersey's Opening Night Gala will be held on June 17 preceding the first performance of the season, *Carmen*. Tickets to the Gala dinner are available by calling Vera Dowd at 279-1750, ext. 107. Post performance celebrations will be held after the opening night performances of *Carmen* (June 17), *Falstaff* (June 24), *Six Characters in Search of an Author* (July 7), and *Burning Bright* (July 21). The post performance celebrations include food, beverages, and entertainment in the lobbies of McCarter Theatre. There is no charge for the post-performance celebrations.

Wine Tastings

Opera Festival will also host three pre-performance wine tastings on June 23, June 30, and July 7 at 7 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. For more information about the Opening Night Gala, Post Performance Celebrations, or wine tastings, contact Opera Festival's Audience Service line at 279-1750, ext. 3.

Also offered are two workshop programs (entitled OperaTunities) and one opera talk for children 5 and up. Backstage tours of McCarter Theatre are available for youth aged 5 to 10. A set construction workshop and a characters through costume and makeup workshop will be held for youth age 10 to 15. Materials will be provided, but a cost of $8 per child applies.

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MUSIC REVIEW

"Carmen" Is Marked by Solid Performances, A Lively Tempi, and Rich, Colorful Costumes

For the past year and a half or so, the Opera Festival of New Jersey has been under new administrative management. General Manager Karen Tiller came from Memphis to lead the Opera Festival into the new Millennium and its new home at McCarter Theatre. As the Opera Festival opens its second season under Ms. Tiller's leadership, the improvement in casting and overall production tightness is evident.

Opera Festival of New Jersey began its 17th season with a blockbuster opera: Bizet's *Carmen*, featuring Suzanna Guzman as the feisty vamp and tenor Gerard Powers as her love interest Don José. The production was marked by solid vocal performance throughout, lively tempi by conductor Michael Ching, and diverse and colorful costumes designed by Patricia Hibbert.

This production of *Carmen*, performed in French with English supertitles, opened with a vigorous overture by Mr. Ching and his Concerto Soloists orchestra, and one odd piece of stage direction with the first appearance of a recurring child figure representing Fate. Once the production got rolling, the stage was almost continually filled with action, color, and drama.

Solid Command of Their Roles

From the first character onstage, Dominic Inferrera's Morales, all of the singers demonstrated solid command of their roles. Karen Furgurson's Micaela was sung with dramatic verve and flair. The only flaw in her character may have been in the "look" she presented onstage; Micaela seemed a bit too old to be the intended of the very youthful Don José.

Tenor Gerard Powers sang the role of Don José as a very youthful, suave, and debonair brigadier. When singing with Micaela, Mr. Powers sang with a sweet and light sound, but developed much more depth to his sound when teamed with Carmen, especially in the closing duet to Act IV.

Of course, no production of *Carmen* succeeds without a strong Carmen, and in Suzanna Guzman, Opera Festival has found an actress and singer who takes over the stage. Carmen sings a number of the showstoppers and well-known melodies of the opera, including the *Habanera* and *Seguidilla*. Ms. Guzman's vocal range was even and rich, and her dramatic strength lay in her ability to change emotions on a dime. Carmen entices and dumps her men at the drop of a hat, and Ms. Guzman's ability to shift emotional gears was mesmerizing.

There were a number of minor characters who shone in their performances. Brenda Dawe (Frasquita), Kathryn Honan-Carter (Mercedes), Kenneth Overton (El Dancairo), and Marc Molomot (El Remendado) were all precise in their ensemble singing, especially in the second act quintet, which requires an almost patter-like style and a great deal of interaction between the men and the women. Ms. Dawe and Ms. Honan-Carter also carried their scenes well with Ms. Guzman, as the three women conspire to aid their smuggling companions. Although all of the spoken French dialog was well done, Mr. Overtone's French was especially full of nuance and linguistic shadings.

Well-Balanced Chorus

Kristopher Irmiter performed the towering role of Escamillo, singing the commanding *Toreador Song* with conviction and swashbuckling manner. A very well prepared and well-balanced chorus of adults was prepared by Richard Tang Yuk (who will be conducting the June 21 and 25 performances), and a chorus of animated children was prepared by Margaret Anne Butterfield.

One of the most significant changes in the past couple of Opera Festival seasons is the fact that apparently no expense was spared in costume design for this production. Patricia Hibbert designed four very different textural and visual effects for each of the four acts, ranging from the yellows and browns of the early scenes to the vibrant colors of the last act bullfight. The only distraction may have been the two nuns who seemed visually out of place in this scene.

Director Elizabeth Bachman took a very full stage of performers (at times more than 50) and moved them effectively and in a non-cluttered fashion. Set designers James M. Stone and Keith B. Napy have created expansive and intriguing sets, especially the third act setting in a mountain pass.

Carmen will be presented again on June 21, 23 and July 1, 8 and 14. The Festival will open Verdi's *Falstaff* on Saturday, June 24. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the box office, 258-ARTS.

Opera Festival of New Jersey is clearly moving in a new forward direction. Casting has improved in recent years, and more design creativity and musical diversity has been incorporated into the productions. This year the Festival has expanded to four productions, two standard and two contemporary. This brave foray, especially in programming two contemporary operas by two relatively unknown opera composers (although Frank Lewin is a Princetonian) marks the Festival's commitment to challenge and opportunity.

— Nancy Plum

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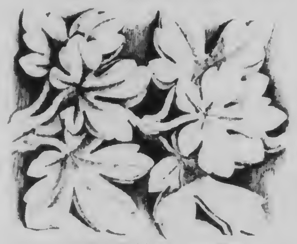

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TwinFish Chicken Pot Pies; Specialty of Princeton Chefs

Yes. Conventional wisdom notwithstanding, two cooks can work successfully together in the same kitchen.

Of course, it helps if they are friends, enthusiastic about launching their successful TwinFish food service, and experienced chefs, whose skills complement each other.

"Our skills really do complement each other," says TwinFish co-owner Linda Twining. "Kathy is a meat person. She is great with meat, and my strength is pastry, and anything with desserts."

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"We have a great time in the kitchen," adds co-owner Kathy Herring. "Linda does absolutely wonderful things with crusts. With her pastry chef background, she makes the best crust ever."

Mutual Interest

After meeting three years ago, when their children were in nursery school, the two Princeton residents discovered a mutual interest in cooking, which led to their teaching a series of cooking classes, both privately and for the Princeton Adult School.

"As mothers of small children, we were both looking for something to do out of the house," points out Ms. Herring. "Friends offered their houses for us to hold the classes."

After a successful six months, they decided to launch a food delivery service, given the intriguing name TwinFish.

"It incorporates both our names. 'twin' for me, and 'fish' for Kathy," explains Ms. Twining, whose background includes a year as an au pair in Paris, where an interest in French cuisine flourished, and later graduating from Peter Kumps Cooking School in New York.

"It was great," she recalls, referring to cooking school. "I did my externship at The Ryland Inn in Whitehouse, which is the only 4-star restaurant in New Jersey."

Signature Dish

Initially, TwinFish delivered frozen dinners to people once a week, offering monthly menus, including poached salmon, chicken Parmesan, ziti with ricotta and tomato sauce, pork chops with black bean and roasted com salsa, and chicken satay with Japanese noodles and peanut sauce.

What quickly became the most requested dish, however, was their signature chicken pot pie. Available in individual or 4-portion servings, it became famous, and Ms. Twining and Ms. Herring were soon preparing more than 100 a month.

CREATIVE COOKING: "We were surprised to see how quickly the business took off. We doubled in size to meet the demand. We adjusted, adapted and evolved! People have different needs, but everyone is so stretched for time these days, they welcome our service." Kathy Herring (left) and Linda Twining, owners of TwinFish, are delighted at the success of their food service.

"This is something people love," they point out. "Kids will eat it, pot pies are great for company, and people also give them as gifts. We did research, tried out all the chicken pot pie recipes, and had friends over to see what they liked best. We came up with a recipe that was really new and special."

"Our chicken pies are very creamy, are good for you and taste great," reports Ms. Twining. "We use very healthy, good ingredients, including organic vegetables and free range chickens that are antibiotic-free."

"There is so little in frozen food that is healthy and that people can really feel good about," adds Ms. Herring. "People think our chicken pies are delicious, and of course, we eat them ourselves!"

The TwinFish customer list numbers more than 115 people ordering on a regular basis, including those from here and beyond.

"We have such loyal customers," says Ms. Herring. "They are all kinds of people — everyone, and all ages. Singles, families, older people, and some who just had babies. I enjoy meeting so many people. It's a pleasure. We get into conversations, talk about what they do; sometimes even sit down and have coffee. It's people I might never have met otherwise."

Increasing Demand

With the chicken pot pie demand continuing to increase, the TwinFish entrepreneurs recently decided to focus exclusively on this specialty. In addition to their delivery service, they will concentrate on offering the pies in local retail establishments. They are already available in The Whole Earth Center and Nassau Street Seafood, and now they will also be offered at Terhune Orchards.

"We are also talking to Moo Moo Express about delivering the pot pies along with the milk," notes Ms. Twining. "And we hope to have them in other stores. In addition, we will explore expanding our other dishes, and in time, add other products."

"In response to people's requests, we also do some drop-off catering occasionally," adds Ms. Herring. "We do everything from formal to informal. Recently, we did a formal dinner for eight, and we've done graduation parties. We do everything — appetizers, entrees, and desserts."

Both Ms. Twining and Ms. Herring hope to utilize their marketing backgrounds (Dow Jones and Bobbi Brown Cosmetics respectively) as TwinFish continues to evolve.

"We'll be offering samplings and tastings, as we expand the distribution into more stores, and we are really encouraged about the entire business. It has grown and evolved into what it should be. It's been a learning experience," they say enthusiastically.

And one with never a dull moment, they add. "The very first day we started in our commercial kitchen, Hurricane Floyd arrived! And we've had to deliver in snow storms. Fortunately, we have a 4-wheel drive. We know we have to be prepared for everything. And that's part of the challenge — and the fun!"

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Sundays are very big at the Brandon warehouse/showroom. This is the main shopping day, and customers can hardly wait to take a look at the latest furniture and accessories at the 4 Litho Road headquarters (Route One North, behind Mercedes of Princeton and Lawrence Lincoln Mercury).

"We're off to a wonderful start here," says Nicole Brandon, owner with her husband James Brandon, of Brandon Importing Company. "It's hard to find a space in our parking lot on Sunday. Some people stay for hours in order to see everything. It's really become part of their Sunday routine, and we already have lots of regulars.

"Also, we carry so much inventory — quality products at affordable prices —and have such a big turnover that you really need to come in every week to see all the new items. We have five to seven tractor trailer loads a week!"

To say the showroom is big is clearly an understatement. With 80,000 feet filled to the brim with an enormous array of furniture and accessories, it offers customers exercise just walking around to see the myriad choices in every category.

22 Locations

The company was started in Virginia in 1947 by Mr. Brandon's mother ("really as a hobby"!), and has now grown to 22 locations, with 12 to 16 major stores, across the U.S. The Route One location, opened just over two months ago, is the first in New Jersey.

"We began taking it nationwide 12 years ago," reports Mr. Brandon, formerly the head of a computer company. "Now we import directly from 60 different countries in Europe, South and Central America, and the Far East.

"We have such a unique concept. It brings the product to market at the lowest prices. We go for the highest volume, try to find the best products in the world, and work on the lowest margin.

"Because we have so many locations, import such large quantities, and have a warehouse operation, we pass the savings on to the customer. There's a huge disparity between our prices and other stores. Also, the structure of the company is important; we have a low overhead. We're both big (volume) and lean (overhead)."

"When people come in, they are amazed at our prices," adds Mrs. Brandon. "And our products are the best. You will find high end, top quality items, top recognized names of designers and manufacturers. No seconds, no factory returns. Everything is first run — the best, latest and greatest!"

"We try to choose the important items for today, and we really have something for everyone's taste," points out Mr. Brandon.

Large Selection

The exceedingly large selection is eclectic, with an emphasis on "old world", notes Mrs. Brandon. "Everything is solid wood, including mahogany, teak, walnut, and pine. People seem to like everything, with sofas, French furniture, lamps, mirrors, and paintings especially popular."

Other favorite items include entertainment centers and computer work stations, as well as dining room tables, desks, armoires, chandeliers, and all kinds of accessories and decorative pieces, from globes to accent pillows to silk flower arrangements.

Artwork includes oils and prints, often featuring gold leaf frames, and many of the mirrors (some very large) are elaborately framed.

In addition, customers will find rugs and a big variety of fun vintage figures, such as old-time baseball players, golfers, pirates, and chefs, and some are life-size.

Upholstered furniture is American-made, notes Mrs. Brandon, and she especially enjoys the opportunity to coordinate the fabric with the upholstery.

All the Brandon stores have been getting very good critical reviews, she adds. "5280" magazine in Denver named Brandon the "Number One" furniture store in Denver, and both The Washington Post and ABC News recently did special pieces on Brandon.

An important reason for their success is the skilled staff, report the Brandons; this is crucial in offering customers personal service, especially in such a large space.

"We have great *esprit de corps* with our staff," says Mr. Brandon. "They are friendly and offer great service. It's very important to treat our customers right. We emphasize this.

FURNITURE FESTIVAL: "We're like a cross between Sam's Wholesale Club and Home Depot for furniture and accessories. We specialize in high end products at low prices, and we felt there was a need for this. There is nothing else like us in the area, or even anywhere." Nicole Brandon, co-owner of Brandon Importing Company, is shown with daughter Taylor.

"I especially enjoy seeing the customers," adds Mrs. Brandon. "I always try to be here on Sunday, and my favorite part of the work is being with the people. We're very customer-oriented.

"Remember, our specialty is offering such a wide variety of high end items at such low prices. And the nice thing is you can take pieces home with you, or we'll deliver."

Brandon also offers customers a helpful code to determine prices. Letters A through I have designated numbers, such as A equals 1, B equals 2, etc. Thus a sticker with A29 translates to $129.

"I enjoy giving people a good buy — value for money," agrees Mr. Brandon. "We want to have the lowest prices in America for quality products. And people have such a good time when they're here. We're enjoying having them discover us."

The Brandons are also enjoying being in Princeton, having moved recently from Florida with their 2-year-old daughter, Taylor.

"We particularly wanted to have the good schools here in Princeton, and we are very happy with our move," they report.

Brandon's main shopping day is Sunday 9 to 4; a skeleton crew is available Tuesday through Saturday 9 to 4, and appointments are also available. 406-9100.

—Jean Stratton

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Charter Grads

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from Charles Marsee, head of the school, and Norma Byers, assistant head, and to shake the governor's hand. All but two of the graduates — Amber Joseph and Zach Lichtstrahl — were with the school when it opened its doors in September 1997.

The first week of classes took place in borrowed space at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, because renovations were not yet complete on the Charter School's own recently-purchased building at 575 Ewing Street. There were 72 students; current enrollment is 164; 184 students are expected in the fall.

The governor spoke about the charter school legislation she signed in 1996, enabling parents, teachers, colleges and business groups to create publicly-funded charter schools. She said, "I wanted to provide the opportunity for change - for something different — so that you and all your fellow students could get the education you need to succeed."

She did not mention the tensions the Charter School Act caused in many school districts — including Princeton Regional — as boards of education struggled to cope with frequently-changing state mandates for charter-school funding by local districts; and charter school enrollments continued to expand. [See sidebar]

None of those tensions surfaced last Friday at graduation ceremonies — which were conducted outdoors on the school lawn under a large tent.

Future Class of 2004

Princeton Regional officials, in fact, appeared to be enjoying the occasion. Interim Superintendent Austin Gumbs clapped heartily as the PCS Graduation Chorus sang "At the Beginning" and "Seasons of Love." Frank Strasburger, attending as a representative of the PRS board, smiled broadly at Will Kerins' "Sollioquy (with apologies to William Shakespeare)." All applauded Amber Joseph's stirring student address.

After the students had received their diplomas, Mr. Marsee presented the graduates to Princeton High School Principal John Kazmark. "This day represents not only a beautiful occasion," Dr. Kazmark said, "but it is a pleasure to be re-united with children whom I knew at a much younger age." (The PHS principal was, at one time, administrator of the Johnson Park School).

"There is no question," Dr. Kazmark said, "that Charter School students will be the pride of our school; and it is with pride that I accept the high school graduating class of 2004."

"I am just delighted that so many people from the public schools came," Mr. Ylanilos commented to TOWN TOPICS. "People from the regional schools have been terrific; and I think we've put our difficulties behind us. You might say the Charter School story has turned out with a happy ending for everyone."

—Anne Rivera

Charter School Graduates

Eighth grade students who graduated from the Charter School on June 16, were Leah Balch, Alexander Draine, Alina Garbouzov, Elizabeth Goodman, Riley Graham, Fiona Heckscher, Anson Hook, Joshua Huang, Amber Joseph, Will Kerins, Sigmund Lerner, Jonathan Lauri, Zach Lichtstrahl, Matt McInerney, Michael Perna, Sarah Ramirez, Ilia Shatashvili, Kyle Steinnagle, Jasha Tull, and Jonathan Ylanilos.

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N.J. Governor Whitman Pledges State Funds to Charter Schools

The "happy ending" to the Charter School story, to which Mr. Ylanilos referred, may refer to Governor Christine Whitman's promise of state funding for charter schools for the 2000-2001 school year.

The benefit to Princeton Regional — along with other districts — is that their charter school contributions will decrease, allowing them to develop more flexible budgets.

According to legislative sources, the New Jersey state budget includes monies for charter schools as part of a Council on Local Mandates Relief Fund.

Funding History

On May 11, the Council on Local Mandates, ruled that regulations governing local school district payments to charter schools, constituted an illegal financial burden on the schools.

The original Charter School Program Act of 1995 required school districts to pay directly to the charter school "90 percent of the local levy budget per pupil for the specific grade level in the district."

Regulations issued later —in 1997 — gave school districts a choice — to transfer either 90 percent of the state's maximum T&E ("thorough and efficient") amount per pupil, or 90 percent of the program budget per pupil, whichever was lower. The T&E amount is determined by the state; it is the amount needed to provide a "thorough and efficient" education, according to Education Department standards.

Princeton Regional's program budget per pupil is approximately $10,000; while the state's T&E amount per pupil is about $7,800.

In 1998, charter school regulations were amended again, defining "local levy budget per pupil" as the district's program budget per pupil, consistent with the original Charter School Act.

The decision of the Council on Local Mandates overturned the 1998 amendment, making 90 percent of the T&E amount — or the lower figure — the standard once again. There is no appeal from a Council decision.

Charter School Deficit

The ruling, of course, left charter schools with a default. In order to offset the deficit, the Education Department has made direct deposits into charter school bank accounts across the state.

At the same time, members of both the state Senate and the Assembly have scrambled to enact bills that would compensate for the funding loss next year. Legislation sponsored by Sen Robert Littell (R.-Franklin, Sussex County) passed the Senate Education Committee unanimously and now goes to the full Senate.

The bill calls for the state to make up the difference in cases where 90 percent of per-pupil spending is more than 90 percent of the T&E amount — as in Princeton.

A similar bill, sponsored by Representatives Richard Bagger (R.-Westfield) and Joseph Doria (D.-Bayonne) was recently introduced in the Assembly.

The legislation must be approved quickly — by June 30, if the 14 charter schools scheduled to open in the fall are to draw up realistic budgets, and if existing schools are to make long-term plans.

There is, however, a distinct possibility that the governor — having committed funds from the state budget for the 2000-2001 academic year — may conditionally veto the measure, according to sources close to the process. The governor's pledge of state funds, in fact, makes legislation almost moot for the next academic year.

Included in the legislation is a requirement that the state commissioner of education conduct an evaluative study of the schools and issue a report by October. According to the original Charter School Act, no reports were to be required for at least five years. Reporting — based on state-wide hearings — would be almost impossible to accomplish by October.

The governor's pledge to fund charter schools for 2000-2001, would take pressure off the Legislature to pass immediate legislation. On the other hand, if the governor *does* veto the measure, the legislation could die before lawmakers return in the fall.

Sources insist that comprehensive funding legislation is imperative, as the governor's pledge will provide only temporary relief. Because no one knows how many charter schools will eventually open in the state — or what their enrollments will be — it is impossible, however, to predict the level of funding that will ultimately be needed.

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ART REVIEW

Eight Artists Celebrate the Gifts of Nature; The Commonplace Becomes Extraordinary

Fragile Dependencies
The Gallery at Bristol-Myers Squibb
Through September 10

This exhibition by eight contemporary artists is about the beauty of living things. This is nature unsullied; not a shred of techno-life creeps in. Happily, there are no red barns or covered bridges here. We are, in effect, removed to an unknown place, pristine and chaste.

Having taken nature as their subject, the artists represented here are advocates for the empowering sanity of nature. They urge viewers to pause, to clear the mind, and — most importantly —to open their eyes. By shutting down the excesses of the daily round — excluding the Yada Yada — they teach us to discover by looking; until the commonplace becomes simply extraordinary.

Most of the exhibitors share a value system and a common temperament. Particularly connected are Karen Moss — *Wonderings*; Joan Roth — *Princeton Wood Series*; Madelaine Shellaby — *Rootstones*; and Lori Van Houten — *Earth and Air*. These artists speak for the interdependency of parts within nature, as they explore its links to their art.

Art borrows heavily from the vocabulary of nature — rhythm, balance, light, form, texture, pattern — and, yes, they are sometimes fragile. A number of significant works in this show play with branching effects, sometimes arcing, and frequently reaching into air and sunlight.

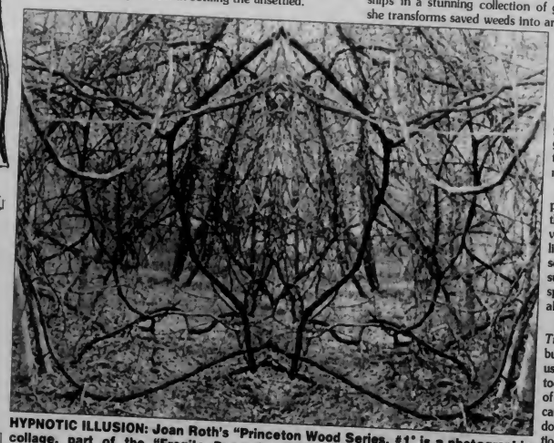
Ms. Roth, photographer and Princeton resident, writes of her reverence for the woods: "The tree branches and the monkey vines go on forever." The "forever" gets a little help from her collage technique.

The sometimes-impenetrable eruption of growth is restrained by replicating and pasting, resulting in a Rorschach-like copy, as in *Princeton Wood Series #1*. Here, a reversed negative adds to the hypnotic illusion of growth and renewal.

Replication is an organizing factor, giving congruity to the work of art. Ms. Roth uses it as deftly as Mondrian in his 1912 abstraction of a flowering tree. The human eye, like nature itself, has a penchant for order. Ms. Roth brings her considerable artistry to bear in settling the unsettled.

BRIGHT TENDRILS: "Hydrangea" by Princeton photographer and printmaker Madelaine Shellaby is one of her stunning glicée prints now on view at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Gallery.

Printmaker/photographer Madelaine Shellaby writes about the way uprooted plants are linked to stones in nature's fragile chain. "Upon being uprooted, even after a good shake, plants will still cling to stones, relied on for stability." A Princeton resident, Ms. Shellaby focuses on these relationships in a stunning collection of glicée prints. A gardener, she transforms saved weeds into art.



HYPNOTIC ILLUSION: Joan Roth's "Princeton Wood Series, #1" is a photographic collage, part of the "Fragile Dependencies" exhibit at Bristol-Myers Squibb through September 10.

Her prints are just big enough (14 x 11") to heighten the intensity. A stem, capsule, pod or burr becomes larger than life. Framed against glossy ebony backgrounds, delicate, bright tendrils give each specimen a unique silhouette.

As though seeing plants for the first time, the viewer finds myriad variations, a banquet of little surprises — and sometimes big ones — such as *Wild Cucumber*, sprouting a single emerald leaf.

In a series called *Traces*, Michael Zansky burns or carves wood, using heavy duty power tools, creating a network of channels, like desiccated river beds. Random, braided intersections spin off, revealing whorls and coils of raw

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timber against the tar-like surface.

Other works — by the late Rachel bas-Cohain and Susan MacQueen — deal with nature's living tissue, with growing and renewal.

Organza Boxes

Ms. bas-Cohain floats gauzy sculptural frames within a plexiglas case. According to her widower David Stone, "Rachel bas-Cohain made her series of organza boxes during the last year of her life, while struggling against cancer. Knowing this, one has to see the boxes in part as expressions of the frailty of a life that is hanging from a thread."

ORGANZA BOX: Constructed during the last year of her life, Rachel bas-Cohain's "Marionette's Hangout" seems to breathe like a living thing.

He hopes, he continues, that viewers of the work "will also observe how playful it is, both with its materials and its underlying conceptual themes."

These are soft, boxy forms that resemble a fatigued balloon, as it gradually leaks its air. Seen from another angle, the air seems to return — and again depart — like the respiration of a living thing. This uncanny illusion is created by the material: surgically-stitched layers of silk organza and a focused control of light.

The teasing muteness of *Marionette's Hangout* yields to the sublime stillness of *Nature Morte, after Giorgio Morandi*. A soft construction trestle table shimmers mirage-like behind veils of silk. On the altar-like table are soft-construction Morandi bottles and other props.

Ms. bas-Cohain seems to derive her color from that of vaporous white clouds. In rare cases, where she chooses to use a saturated color, as she does in the Morandi piece, it is used with eloquence. In this case, a trace of eye shadow shows up as a broken, blue-green line stenciled into the fabric.

Readable Art

A translucent paper called "scrim" used by Ms. MacQueen, a West Windsor resident, functions much the same way as Ms. bas-Cohain's silk organza. As its layers increase, so does its masking potential, controlling what is revealed or concealed.

Ms. MacQueen's other materials are bits and pieces of wire, jute, feathers, grass and wood, which have been impounded — virtually fused into — the milky scrim, like buried treasure. Like obscure pieces of evidence sealed in a glassine envelope, these humble throw-aways acquire new status.

Ms. MacQueen invites spectators into an ongoing investigation. She uses folding and tearing strategies to good advantage, creating multi-tiered resonances of near objects with more distant ones, producing an effect like the blending of echoes.

The smaller pieces, enclosed within plexiglas boxes lose some of their resonance, due to that finishing layer of plastic. Ms. MacQueen's larger pieces, however, are gorgeously inviting. These are, in fact, readable art, consisting of two to eight pages each. They press the viewer into the turning of pages in search of meaningful treasure.

Painter Simon Gaon's view of nature takes a wrong turn somewhere. There is nothing fragile about his landscapes and seascapes. Even in the context of the Expressionist aesthetic, his is an overreach. Great sweeps of molten color flow unchecked. A rooftop in Blue Mountain Landscape or a crackling orange vessel in Fire at Sea are swallowed whole in rolling seas and turbulent skies.

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Princeton Resident Michelle Drimmer Runs in Honor Of Leukemia Patient; Places Fifth in Suzuki Marathon

"I've always wanted to do something that I felt really good about, and where I felt like I was making a difference ... I think it's important to help out our nation's children."

RUN FOR RYAN: Michelle Drimmer was part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team-In-Training, which ran in the Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on June 4. She ran in honor of a 12-year-old leukemia patient named Ryan.

Nearly 22,000 people lined the streets of San Diego on June 4, not for a glimpse of their favorite movie star, nor for a parade. These dedicated athletes were there for the 2000 Suzuki Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, a 26-mile run that tests the endurance of even the most avid runners.

Princeton resident and current Middlebury College student Michelle Drimmer was one of those 22,000 runners. She was part of a 4,500 member team, known as Team-In-Training, that was organized by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The team collectively raised 12.5 million dollars towards research for the society. Ms. Drimmer ran the race in honor of a 12-year-old leukemia patient named Ryan.

She started preparation for the run this past winter. "I decided I wanted to try out a marathon with a friend of mine who lives in Washington State," she said. "The process was very quick. I looked into it over winter vacation, and before I knew it we were signed up. It's not something I thought of doing so much before, but once the idea came up, it seemed like a challenge I wanted ... that I thought I might be able to do."

The total number of participants in the marathon was a bit overwhelming for her. "I have never seen anything like that before," she commented. "The first two miles my friend and I were maneuvering around people, jogging pretty slow. It was impossible to get through everyone."

Goal Accomplished

Her goal was to finish the race in under four hours. She completed it in three hours and 45 minutes, and placed fifth in the 19-year-old-and-under division. She finished among the top 350 women, and raised approximately $3,500 dollars for the society.

This marathon was her first, and if she has her way, it won't be the last. "I'd love to do the New York marathon in November," she said, "but time permitting, I don't know if I'll be able to do it. The next one I'll hopefully do will be in January at Disney World."

Ms. Drimmer had been to California only once before, but was so young that she can't remember any of the details. On this trip, she arrived in San Diego at around midnight. "We were out there for three nights," she recalled. "The race was on Sunday, so we spent all day Monday going around San Diego."

The sight seeing included a trip to the San Diego Zoo, Old Town State Park, Cruise Ship Terminal and the Seafood Village, just to name a few. Overall she said her favorite

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Michelle Drimmer

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part of the trip was "the run itself, definitely."

1998 PHS Grad

Ms. Drimmer is a 1998 graduate of Princeton High School, and may be remembered as a right wing forward on the Tigers' field hockey team. "I've always been a runner," she stated. "I've always been pretty active in field hockey and track. Field hockey was my specialty, it was my sport. I loved track, but field hockey was my life."

As a freshman in college, she played junior varsity field hockey, but said there came a time when other things took precedence in her life, and she had to give up her favorite sport. "It drains me not to be playing field hockey, but I had to pinpoint what was really important," she said with confidence. "In high school I felt like I wanted to do everything, but you realize once you get to college, you can't, so I focused more on community service."

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"I go to the Mary Hogan elementary school and the senior center (in Vermont) and I volunteer there eight or nine hours a week," she continued. "I help teach art (at the school). There are four different classes that I help teach." Ms. Drimmer said she has no plans to make teaching a career. "I enjoy doing it," she stated.

College Judicial Council

Ms. Drimmer is a Political Science major at Middlebury College, and is currently a pre-law student. As she begins her junior year in September, she will be a part of the school's judicial council, or what she considers the "court of the school."

"We have an honor code at Middlebury," she explained. "Any breaches in the honor code are put before the judicial council. It's a committee of several students who will decide what the penalty will be (for breach of the code). I heard all about it. There was a long drawn out application process, so I didn't tell anyone else about it, because I didn't think I was going to get it."

She would eventually like to become involved with family and juvenile law. "I've always wanted to do something that I felt really good about, and where I felt like I was making a difference," she stated. "I definitely don't want to go into corporate law. I have no interest in helping the rich get richer. I think it's important to help out our nation's children."

Children around the nation could benefit from someone like Ms. Drimmer, someone with such a zest for life, someone who is willing to sacrifice her time so that others may have joy in their lives, someone whose heart beats for other people.

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Post 218 Beats Lawrence, Ends Drought

Princeton Post 218 captured a 6-4 victory over Lawrence on June 19. After trailing 3-0 early, Princeton rallied in the second inning with a solo homerun by Mark Henry, cutting the lead to 3-2.

Post 218 took the lead for the first time in the fifth inning, after putting three runs on the board. An insurance run in the seventh secured the lead, and gave the team a much needed win, its first in five games.

Henry led the way for Princeton, collecting two hits, driving in two runs and scoring once. Mike Miller was 3-for-4, scoring once and driving in a run. Nick Walters was 2-for-3 with one RBI, Jim Hoeland was 1-for-3 with one RBI,and Matt Ross was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Ross pitched a complete game, earning the victory, allowing four hits, four walks, and four runs. His overall record is now 1-1, while his team improved to 2-4 on the season.

Post 218 never posed a threat in a 13-2 blowout loss against Hightstown on June 17. Ross and Walters scored the only runs for Princeton, while Henry and Wayne Austin drove in the only RBI's. Pat Kerlin took the loss, pitching four innings, and giving up ten hits and six runs.

Princeton surrendered a 4-2 lead before eventually losing to Bordentown 5-4 on June 16. In a seesaw battle between the two clubs, Post 218 scored a run in the top of the first inning. The lead was short lived as Bordentown scored two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Post 218 tied the game in the fourth inning, and scored two runs in the fifth to take a 4-3 lead. Once again Bordentown rallied in the bottom of the inning, as it scored two runs, and notched the eventual margin of victory.

Hoeland was 2-for-4 in the game, and he scored once. Henry was 1-for-3, scoring once and driving in a run. The story of the game, for Princeton, was Ross. He sparkled offensively, collecting two hits, driving in a run and scoring once.

It was on the defensive end where he struggled. He came on in relief of Joe Tucholski in the sixth inning, surrendered the tying and winning runs, and took the loss. Tucholski pitched five complete innings, gave up three runs, five hits, and struck out five batters before handing the game over to Ross.

Post 218 committed four errors, allowed eight walks, and surrendered eight runs in the fifth inning, on its way to a 10-1 loss at Hopewell on June 14. Post 218 was led by Hoeland, who was 2-for-4.

Zach Thompson scored the only run for Post 218 following a walk, a single by Hoeland, and two fielding errors by Hopewell in the third inning. Miller, Austin, and Andrew Caprariello had one hit apiece. Henry, who took the loss, pitched 4-1/3 innings, giving up five hits, six runs and five walks.

PHS Tennis Players Among Top Athletes

Princeton High tennis player Scott Willig was named to the All-CVC second team at first singles, it was announced recently. Joining Willig on the second team are Tigers' second singles player Peter Pine, the first doubles team of Eric Applequist and Michael Wong, and the second doubles team of Keith Feigerson and Ronak Pandya.

Willig was named to the All-Area Tennis second team, along with Pine. Feigerson and Pandya were also named to the second team.

Yankees Demolish Dodgers for Championship

What started out as a dismal season for the Princeton Babe Ruth 13 year olds ended with a championship. The Yankees, managed by Joe Lauri, won their last five games.

Brandon James, Charlie Eelman and Robbie Begin combined their pitching efforts to beat Hightstown in the semi-finals.

In the championship game, the Yankees received a superb pitching performance from Begin and Jonathan Lauri, as they defeated the Dodgers 16-3. Begin started the game and limited the Dodgers to just two hits. Lauri ended the game by striking out the last six batters.

Zack Stern, Andres Reinero, Begin and Lauri led the hitting attack in the victory. Michael Moseley, Henry Powell, Tate Foster and Geoff Repoli also provided supporting hits.

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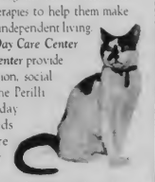

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LITTLE LEAGUE ACTION #2: Braves shortstop Matt Walters makes a diving catch as Pirates second sacker Will Rogers reaches second base safely. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

LITTLE LEAGUE ACTION #3: Yankees pitcher John DiPan reaches back to toss a strike during game against Red Sox. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

LITTLE LEAGUE ACTION #5: Braves shortstop Matt Walters makes a diving catch as Pirates second sacker Will Rogers reaches second base safely. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

LITTLE LEAGUE ACTION #4: Braves pitcher Eric Willoughby. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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The graduation ceremony was preceded by a liturgy and a traditional faculty/student candlelighting ceremony.

Virginia Long, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, was the guest speaker. Justice Long is a Stuart past parent (Jane Weiner '96) and former trustee.

STUART GRADUATION: Members of the Stuart Country Day School class of 2000, at their graduation on June 10.

Special Prizes

At Prize Day, which was held on June 7, seniors were awarded special prizes.

Five major awards are presented to seniors who reflect commitment to the five "Goals and Criteria," or basic philosophy, of Sacred Heart education.

The Janet Stuart Award, presented to a student who has demonstrated a deep respect for intellectual values and a love of learning, who has been willing to take intellectual risks and who has a contagious enthusiasm for learning, was presented to Annemarie N. Grandke of Princeton Junction.

The Margherita Condell Award, named for Sister Condell who served Stuart faithfully for 20 years and presented to a student who has demonstrated a social awareness that impels to action by her sensitivity to the needs of others and her service to school and community, was presented to Rebecca Anne McNealy of Somerville (formerly of Princeton).

The Sportsmanship Award, presented to a student who has displayed the community spirit that is essential to teamwork, has supported the athletic program with leadership and enthusiasm, has demonstrated mastery of athletic skills and the ability to work as a team member, and has balanced academic responsibilities with participation in athletics, was presented to Allison Anne Gratton of Lawrenceville and Amanda Veronica Muller of Princeton.

The Alumnae Award, presented to a student who has been instrumental in the building of community at Stuart and who has contributed to the evolving tradition of Sacred Heart education, was presented to Margaret S. O'Hare of Princeton.

The Faculty Award, given annually to the senior who has displayed generosity of spirit in all areas of school life; who has shown concern and respect for the members of the entire school community; and has shared her knowledge, grace and gifts with others, was presented to Zoelene V. Hill and Katherine FitzPatrick Morford.

Departmental Awards

Departmental Awards are presented annually by the faculty to graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement. For 1999-2000, the senior awards were presented to:

Fine Arts: Emily Kim of Princeton Junction; Visual Arts: Elizabeth Butterfield; English: Margaret Ciavarella of Princeton and Annemarie Grandke; Mathematics: Annemarie Grandke; Science (The Peter Mark Department Award): Annemarie Grandke; History: Amanda Muller;

Physical Education: Nellie Farrell of Princeton; French: Margaret Ciavarella; Latin: Nellie Farrell and Wynne Morgan; Spanish: Nathalie Bragadir of Princeton; Religious Studies: Annemarie Grandke; Community Service: Margaret Ciavarella and Leigh Morlock.

The Barat Award was instituted by the Student Government to recognize one student from each grade who demonstrates self sacrifice, compassion, respect for self and others, courtesy, a sense of balance and good judgment, and overall citizenship. The award is named after Saint Madelaine Sophie Barat, who founded the Order of the Sacred Heart in 1800 for the purpose of educating young women.

The following students were commended for their cooperative, generous and responsible contribution to the life of the Stuart Upper School:

The 2000 Freshman Barat Award was presented to Kathryn Zultner of Princeton; the 2000 Sophomore Barat Award was presented to Jacqueline Cannon of Princeton; the 2000 Junior Barat Award was presented to Erin Mackay of Belle Mead; the 2000 Senior Barat Award was presented to Katherine Morford.

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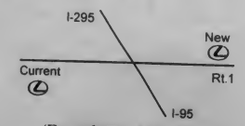

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Open Space Tax

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grants of up to 50 percent of the cost of the property. "We are looking for voter endorsement for the expansion of recreation and open space opportunities around the Borough, if not actually in the Borough," he said.. (Any land acquired through this tax would be in the Township or in another municipality; the Borough has no open space parcels.)

Several years ago, Princeton Township voters approved a 1 cent open space, which currently generates about $200,000 a year. A 2 percent tax in the Borough would generate about $220,000 annually, and would cost the owner of a house valued at the Borough average of $340,000 an extra $68 dollars a year. Neighboring West Windsor has a 7 percent open space tax, the highest in the state.

Mayor Reed said he believes the Township is considering increasing its open space tax from 1 to 2 cents. Princeton residents also pay a 2 cent Mercer County open space tax.

Questions Raised

There was a lengthy discussion of the open space tax at Council's June 13 meeting, and concerns were voiced by Roger Martindell and David Goldfarb.

Mr. Martindell said he preferred to have the open space question placed on the ballot by voter initiative, through petition, rather than by an act of Council. This would create greater public awareness and greater public support at a time when people are concerned about high taxes, he said.

He was worried, too, that students at Princeton University, who vote in the Borough, would see something environmentally friendly on the ballot and would just pull the lever. More students than usual are likely to vote because of the Presidential election, and Mr. Martindell said they would "see green, pull the lever, and walk away without paying a dime."

"This is a tax increase, and my approach in the Borough is to limit tax increases," said Mr. Goldfarb. He said he would agree to support a 1 cent open space tax, provided it be used only for acquisition and not for maintenance and development.

"I have never seen governing bodies cope with maintaining property after it has been acquired, responded Mayor Reed.

"If money can't be used for development and maintenance, then we are are setting up open space to keep property from being developed," said the Mayor. He added that he was opposed to putting up money just to keep property as open space that can't be used by Borough people.

Limiting the tax solely to the acquisition of open space is a concept favored by Friends of Princeton Open Space. Last month, Wendy Mager said the group was working on a citizen petition for the November ballot that would direct a Borough open space tax only toward land acquisition, recreation use, and debt service.

Council was encouraged by Princeton Environmental Commission Chair Anthony Lunn to create its own ordinance so that it could control the wording, which it now has done.

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PEOPLE

Gabriel Kuris, Montadale Drive, has been awarded first place in the McLaughlin Memorial Prize competition for freshman composition by the Department of English at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Kuris is a graduate of Princeton Day School, where he was editor of the school paper, The Spokesman.

Alistair MacRae son of David and Sheila MacRae, Howe Circle, recently participated in the first international tour of the Manhattan School of Music Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra was in residence in Caracas, May 16 through May 20, at the invitation of the State Foundation for the National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras of Venezuela. The Manhattan School musicians served as mentors to the Venezuelan students, giving master classes and playing in side-by-side rehearsals.

On May 20, the North Americans performed a public concert at the Sala José Félix Ribas Hall at the Teresa Carreño Cultural Center in Caracas.

Mr. MacRae, a member of the cello section of the orchestra, is a master of music degree student in cello performance at the Manhattan School. He received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1996.

Princeton resident **Feng-Ying Liu** and **Cengiz Haksever,** Plainsboro, have received Jesse H. Harper Endowed Professorships for 2000-2001, from the College of Business Administration (CBA) at Rider University.

Dr. Liu, associate professor of finance, plans to develop a treasury management program; while Dr. Haksever, professor of management sciences, has initiated a project involving the professional development of CBA faculty in the use of modern statistical software packages with direct benefits to business students.

Nicholas Miles

Princeton High School graduate **Nicholas Miles**, a senior accounting major at Rider University, recently received a CREWW certificate from the Rider College of Business Administration meeting managerial interaction skill-building requirements. CREWW (Cultivating Resources for Excellence in the World of Work) is a program of the Rider College of Business Administration, which involves a group of students in supporting one another while learning and practicing specific business skills.

Princeton Junction resident **Alastair J. Bellany**, assistant professor of history at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, recently received an award for excellence in undergraduate education from the university's Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Bellany was cited for his commitment to synthesizing political and cultural history, both in his own research and in his teaching. A recent popular course was "The Arts of Power: Ritual, Myth and Propaganda from the Emperor Augustus to the Death of Diana, Princess of Wales."

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OBITUARIES

Gino R. Treves, Adams Drive, died June 11, at Francis Parker Home, Piscataway. He was 83.

He was born in Turin, Italy and graduated from the University of Turin in 1939 With a D.Sc. in Agricultural Chemistry and immigrated to the United States in 1940.

He received a Masters of Sciences In Biochemistry and Nutrition in 1942 from Cornell University and in 1945-1946 served in the US Army with the Medical Division of the Chemical Warfare services.

He was a chief chemist for Schieffelin and Company Research Laboratory in New York City from 1943 to 1955; and there he worked for eight years on projects dealing with antispasmodics, cycloplegics, mydriatics, and estrogenic substances.

He was married in 1952 and moved to Princeton to work with FMC Corporation of Princeton in 1956. He was engaged in the synthesis of potential industrial and agricultural chemicals and was later responsible for planning and carrying out synthesis work under government contract.

While at Schieffelin and FMC he received several US Patents and associated collateral Patents in Germany, Austria, Canada, and the UK and published articles of original research in his field.

His biography is mentioned in "Chemical Who's Who" and in "American Men and Women of Science." He was an accomplished bridge and tennis player and was a gifted amateur cellist.

He studied cello with Benedetto Mazzacurati, a soloist and principal cellist of the Virtuosi di Roma in Italy as a youth and began as an amateur cellist with a concert performance at The New York Historical Society in 1953.

He then continued in Princeton as principal cellist for the Princeton Community Orchestra, and performed for church groups, the YMCA, the Orchestra of McCarter Theatre, and for concerts at FMC comprised of other research colleagues and musical amateurs.

He is survived by his wife Clotilde, and three children: sons, George and Francis, of Princeton; daughter Claire, of Port Washington, N.Y. and four grandchildren.

Frank E. Campbell of New York City made arrangements. A private gravesite burial service was held in Queens. A memorial concert will take place in Princeton this September.

In lieu of flowers contributions should be made to the Francis E. Parker Home Employee Fund, 1421 River Road, Piscataway, 08854.

David Heaps, 84, who lived in Princeton for the past 20 years, died June 10 in Montclair after a long illness.

For many years he guided Ford Foundation programs in Africa and pioneered human-rights policies.

Born in Winnipeg, Canada, he served in the Canadian Army during World War II and was awarded the Military Cross, the British Commonwealth's high honor for bravery in action.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, he headed the Ford Foundation's efforts in newly independent African countries. Upon his return to the United States in the early 1970s, Mr. Heaps, with then Ford Foundation president McGeorge Bundy, wrote a report studying and inventorying the fledgling human rights movement. This work led to the foundation's commitment to the human rights field.

He founded the International Rescue Service, an organization dedicated to freeing political dissidents from African prisons, and also served as the chairman of The Human Rights Internet, a clearing house for international human rights organizations.

He remained active in human rights until his death, working and writing for such organizations as Amnesty International.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Heaps; and sons Jonathan and Daniel of New York and Alan of Montclair.

Pamela L. Donath, 53, of Fannettsburg, Pa., died June 13 in the Polyclinic Hospital, Harrisburg.

Born in Princeton, she was a self-employed antiques dealer and past president of the Bucks County Antique Dealers Association.

She graduated from Princeton High School and from the College of Wooster in 1964.

Wife of the late Paul F. Donath, she is survived by sons Andrew F. of Lansdale and Jeremy P. of Rochester, N.Y.; a daughter, Amanda G. Donath of Lansdale; and a brother, the Rev. Keith R. Conover of Smock, Pa.

The funeral was held June 19 at the Fogelsanger-Bricker Funeral Home in Shippensburg, Pa.

Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 225 East King Street, Chambersburg, Pa. 17201.

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Obituaries

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Margaret J. Foster, 92, of Pottstown, Pa., died June 12 at home, following a long illness.

Born in Hanover, N.H., she received a B.S. degree in biology in 1930 from Radcliffe College. She lived in Princeton from 1940 to 1988.

In Princeton, she was a member and chairperson of the Present Day Club, hosted several charitable fund-raising events, and served as an aircraft spotter for the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.

Wife of the late LeBaron Russell Foster, she is survived by three sons, Lt. Col. Warren William of Atwater, Calif.; Dr. Robert Russell of Winchester, Mass.; and Peter Blanchard of Bechtelsville, Pa.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held in Massachusetts. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Suite 1120, Constitution Place, 325 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106-2611.

Mary H. Todd, 79, Chicopee Drive, died June 17.

She grew up in New York City , graduated from Hunter College, and did graduate work at Vassar and the University of California-Berkeley.

She was active in civic affairs, having served as president of local chapters of the Association of University Women in Saginaw, Mich., and Princeton; and in YWCA and church organizations.

She is survived by her husband, David Todd; their children, Rebecca Todd of Berkeley, Calif.; Brian of York, Pa.; Raymond of Indian Hills, Colo., and Clifford of Honolulu, Hawaii; four grandchildren; and a sister, Clara Zakaluk of Southampton, N.Y.

A funeral service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, 50 Cherry Hill Road. Burial will be later at the Chester (Pa.) Rural Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Resource Center, 914 Commons Way, Princeton 08540, or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

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Michele Angelo Tamasi, 85, Wilton Street, died June 13 at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital.

Born in Carpinone, Italy, he came to the United States with his wife and three daughters on the Andrea Doria in 1955.

A long-time President resident, he w as employed at RCA David Sarnoff Center, retiring in 1977.

Although he was not formally educated, he traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Near and Middle East, and parts of Africa. He served in World War II for seven years and received several medals and commendations for his service on the front lines.

During World War II he was stationed in Yugoslavia in a division of the Italian secret service. After the war ended, he continued his work, collaborating with allied forces.

He spoke seven languages and enjoyed singing Italian music, especially opera.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 54 years, Elvira Perna Tamasi; three daughters, Antoinetta Branham and Pierina Thayer of Princeton, and Rita deRose of Little Neck, N.Y.; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held Saturday at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. It was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick 08901, Attention, Development Office.

Alfred E. Robotti, 66, of Rocky Hill, died June 17 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Rocky Hill, he was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Robotti retired in 1992 after 30 years as a warehouse supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service, South Somerville. Previously, he and his brother were partners in the Gable Tavern, Rocky Hill.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was a charter member of Princeton Elks Lodge 2129, past chief of the Rocky Hill Fire Co., member of Hopewell American Legion Post 339, and former member of the Rocky Hill Planning Board.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Strehlau Robotti; a son, Charles Sr. of Princeton; two daughters, Elena Jackson of Rocky Hill and Lisa Wood of Titusville; a sister, Emily Perantoni of St. Augustine, Fla.; a brother, Albert of Rocky Hill; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Skillman. Burial will be in Rocky Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton Elks, Memorial Walk, Bench Fund, 2 Route 518, Blawenburg 08504, or Rocky Hill Fire Department, Washington Street, Rocky Hill 08553.

Flora E. Cox, 85, died June 11 at Chelsea Assisted Living, Monroe Township.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived in Penns Neck for 40 years before moving to Boynton Beach, Fla., where she lived for 20 years.

Wife of the late Nelson F. Cox, she is survived by two daughters, Doris Cox Slater of Yardley, Pa., and Patricia Cox Dowd of Plainsboro; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be private. Burial will be in Penns Neck Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Mildred R. Yaeger McArdle, 81, of West Windsor, died June 10 at home.

Born in Kearny, she was a long-time resident of West Windsor.

She was a clerk for Driver Harris in Harrison for many years before retiring in 1968.

Wife of the late James McArdle, she is survived by a son, James of Kearny; a daughter, Mary Ellen Finn of West Windsor; two grandchildren; and sisters Dorothy Marsh and Elizabeth Buckley.

The funeral was Tuesday at Wilfred Armitage Funeral Home, Kearny. Cremation will be private.

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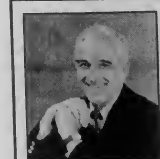

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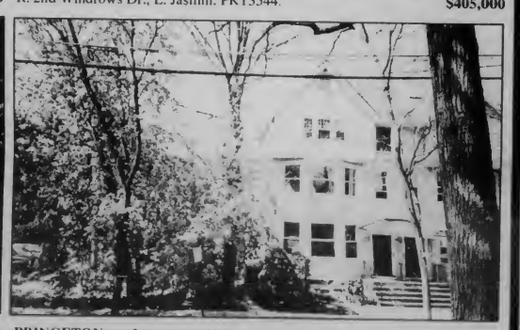

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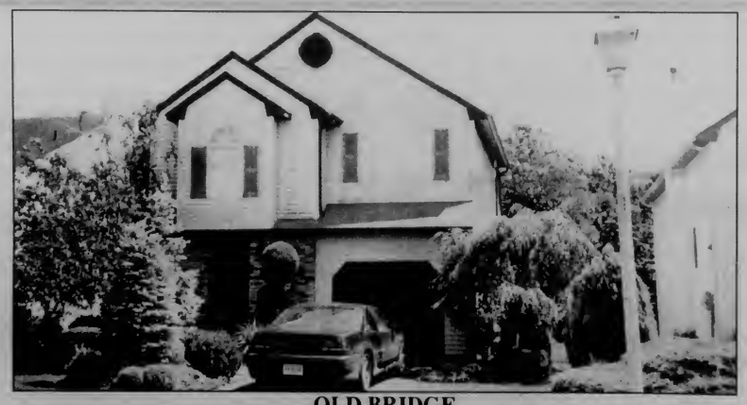

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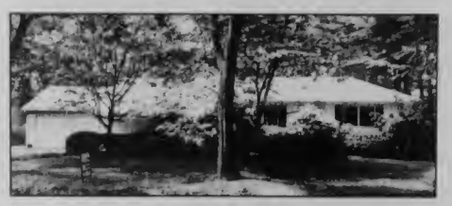

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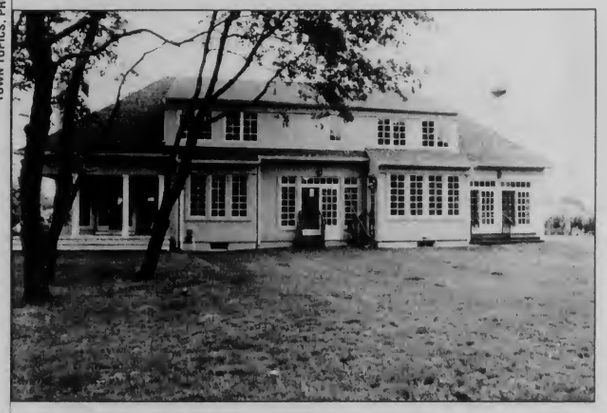

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